

RICE COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ZONING VARIANCE CRITERIA QUESTIONNAIRE

Please provide a response to the following statements/questions. For the Board of Adjustment to be able to grant a variance, an applicant must establish that the criteria listed below from Section 503 of the zoning ordinance are met.

1. What is the proposed land use and is it an allowed use in the zoning district which the property is located in?
2. How is the variance request in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan?
3. Describe how the request is reasonable compared to the ordinance requirement being varied from.
4. What are the unique circumstances of this property that prevent compliance with zoning ordinance regulations? Have those unique circumstances been created by the landowner?
5. How will the request affect the essential character of the locality?
6. Explain the effect the request will have on the surrounding properties.
7. Explain why this request is the minimum variance amount necessary to afford relief:
8. Describe the property's current, and any proposed, onsite sewage treatment and water capabilities.
9. Explain how the proposal will not have a significant effect on the public health or safety.
10. Describe any situations (setbacks, parcels, structures) similar to the request nearby.
11. Please add any additional reasons you feel the variance request meets the ordinance criteria and should be granted. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)