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Inspection Division
100 North Appleton Street
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City of Appleton Application for Variance

Application Deadline: **August 28, 2017**

Meeting Date: **September 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

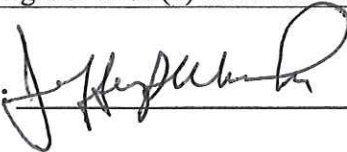
Please write legibly and also submit a complete reproducible site plan (maximum size 11" x 17"). A complete site plan includes, but is not limited to, all structures, lot lines and streets with distances to each. There is a non-refundable \$125.00 fee for each variance application. The non-refundable fee is payable to the City of Appleton and due at the time the application is submitted.

Property Information	
Address of Property (Variance Requested) 2 Olde Paltzer Lane	Parcel Number 31-6-4007-00
Zoning District R1A	Use of Property Residential

Applicant Information	
Owner Name Jeffery Wierichs	Owner Address 2 Olde Paltzer Lane Appleton, WI 54913
Owner Phone Number 213-3321	Owner E Mail address (optional) wierichj@athenet.net
Agent Name	Agent Address
Agent Phone Number	Agent E Mail address (optional)

Variance Information
Municipal Code Section(s) Project Does not Comply 23-44(a)(1)(a) – Fences shall be no taller than three (3) in height in the front yard setback.
Brief Description of Proposed Project The proposed fence will be six (6) feet tall in the front setback area. Section 23-44(a)(1)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance limits fence height to three (3) feet in the front yard setback.

Owner's Signature (Required):



Date: 8.25.17

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Questionnaire

In order to be granted a variance each applicant must be able to prove that an unnecessary hardship would be created if the variance were not granted. The burden of proving an unnecessary hardship rests upon the applicant. The attached sheet provides information on what constitutes a hardship. (Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide the information requested. Additional information may be requested as needed.

1. Explain your proposed plans and why you are requesting a variance:

see Attached

2. Describe how the variance would not have an adverse impact on the surrounding properties:

see attached

3. Describe the special conditions that apply to your lot or structure that do not apply to surrounding lots or structures:

See attached

4. Describe the hardship that would result if your variance were not granted:

see attached

25 August 2017

Response to Questionnaire:

Ref: Requesting a variance be granted.

Subject Property: 2 Olde Paltzer Ln, Appleton, WI

1. We need a variance to keep our fence, along our northern border, as is. Our fence was installed 9 years and 10 months ago. The City informed us someone had made an anonymous complaint about it. In the ten years we have had the fence, we received many compliments on it, never a negative comment. We need a variance so we can be allowed to keep our fence as is.
2. The variance would have no adverse impact on the surrounding properties. I have personally spoken with the adjacent property owners and they have no objections to our fence. The fence is a "see thru" design.
3. Our lot is unique in that it is a corner lot. When we purchased our home, we were not required to have a sidewalk on our northern border; along Evergreen Dr. The City of Appleton placed and maintains a sidewalk there. We had planned to place a fence along/near that boundary. Placing the fence gives us privacy, shields us from Evergreen Dr., and allows us enjoyment of our backyard setting.
4. Our lot being a corner lot, creates a hardship. When my wife, Sandra, applied for the permit it was explained the fence could not impede line of sight; for traffic in our front yard. Our front yard, is where we enter our home and our driveway. Our house faces Olde Paltzer Ln. She was shown on the diagram that fencing could not be placed in our front yard where it would impede the vision of a driver stopped at the stop sign on that corner. The fence was placed based upon the information and guidance given. The hardship is simply the fence based on guidance given.. The Ordinance questions front yard fence placement. The Ordinance and guidance was followed. Not placing the fencing in our front yard, nor impeding traffic vision at the corner. We see the fence placement in our side yard. The fence allows us our freedom to enjoy our property. It would be a hardship not to utilize our yard.