Dear Applicant:

You have applied for an Appeal for an Equitable Waiver from the Ossipee Zoning Ordinance. When the application is complete and submitted with the necessary information and fees, the secretary of the Zoning Board of Adjustment will schedule a public hearing. You or your representative shall present the information that you feel supports your appeal.

The Board strongly recommends that you become familiar with the Zoning Ordinance.

For relief to be legally granted, you must show that your proposed use meets the following conditions:

1. Explain how the violation was not noticed or discovered by any owner, former owner, owner’s agent, representative or municipal official until after a structure in violation had been substantially completed, or until after a lot or other division of land in violation had been subdivided by conveyance to a bona fide purchaser for value.

2. That the violation was not an outcome of ignorance of the law, ordinance, failure to inquire, obfuscation, misrepresentation, or bad faith on the part of any owner, owner’s agent or representative but was instead caused by either a good faith error in measurement or calculation made by an owner or owner’s agent, or by an error in the ordinance interpretation or applicability made by a municipal official in the process of issuing a permit over which that official had authority.

3. Explain that the physical or dimensional violation does not constitute an investment made in ignorance of the facts constituting the violation, the cost of correction so far outweighs any public benefit to be gained, that it would be inequitable to require the violation to be corrected.

**In lieu of the findings required by the Board, the owner may demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that the violation has existed for more than 10 years and that no enforcement action, including written notices of violation has been commenced against the violation during that time by the municipality or any person directly affected.

A majority of the Board must be convinced that the conditions have been met. It is up to you, the applicant, to present evidence that conditions are valid.

Please find attached the following forms to assist you, or your representative prepare for your presentation and hearing with the Ossipee Zoning Board of Adjustment:

- APPEAL OF ZONING OFFICER DECISION—to be filled out by applicant
- APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PLAN CHECKLIST to be filled out by the applicant
- PLAN REQUIREMENTS
This information is provided to you so that your presentation to the Board will be complete and the hearing will proceed smoothly. Upon completion of this information, please provide a copy to the Zoning Board Secretary for review of completeness and to schedule a hearing date.

If you have any questions regarding this process, you are invited to call the Zoning Board Secretary at 603-651-1154.

Sincerely,

Ossipee Zoning Board of Adjustment
APPLICATION FOR EQUITABLE WAIVER OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Owner / Applicant: ____________________________________________________________

Owner / Applicant: ____________________________________________________________

Agent: ______________________________________________________________________

Contact Phone #’s: ______________________________________________________________________

Address of Property: ____________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

Tax Map: __________ Lot: __________

An Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements is requested from Article: ______ Section: ______ of the Ossipee Zoning Ordinance to permit: ____________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

1. Does the request involve a dimensional requirement, not a use restriction? ( ) Yes ( ) NO

2. Explain how a violation has existed for 10 years or more with no enforcement action, including written notice, being commenced by the Town: ____________________________________________________________

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3. Explain how the nonconformity was discovered after the structure was substantially completed:

________________________________________________________________________________

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4. Explain how the nonconformity does not constitute a nuisance nor diminish the value or interfere with future uses of other property in the area: ____________________________________________________________

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5. Explain how the cost of correction far outweighs any public benefit to be granted:

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_________________________________________________________________________________

Owner / Applicant Signature: __________________________________________________________
Date: ______________________

**Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements**

**Application Checklist**

To complete this application, I understand that the following material and information is required and is attached:

___ Application completed in full

___ A letter of authorization from the owner of the property if the applicant is different and / or will not be in attendance at the meeting.

___ A complete list of all abutters of the property involved in this appeal with their current mailing address and tax map numbers. Include the names and addresses of all abutters including those to the rear, sides and front of the property, including those across the streets, roads, and right-of-way. (Failure to provide complete information will result in this application being returned for the necessary information and will delay the scheduling of a hearing.) (Please see next page for details)

___ An As-Built Survey of the structure and property will be required

___ A scale drawing / sketch or plot plan (11” x 17”) of the property will be required (see attached instructions)

Fees to include Application Fee: $75.00, (2) Public Notice fees: $210.00 and Certified Mailing to Abutters:

1. List of mailing address per abutter.
2. (3) mailing labels per abutter.
3. A check payable to “**Town of Ossipee**” to include the application fee, newspaper ads for Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Decision. Plus Current First Class Postage plus $1.00 along with Certified Mail Fee and Return Receipt Fee (for each abutter, owner, applicant, agent)

**Note:** All forms must be completely filled out and signed by the owner / applicant and his or her agent before the Ossipee Zoning Board of Adjustment will accept them. Completed forms must be returned to the Office of the Board of Adjustment no later than 21 calendar days prior to the Board’s scheduled meeting. The applicant or his/her agent is requested to attend the public hearing on the above request. If you have any questions, please call the Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretary at 603-651-1154.
Abutter Notification
Certified/Return Receipt Mail Procedure

1. Provide a #10 business size envelope, addressed to each recipient, return addressed to: Town of Ossipee; Planning Board or Zoning Board (whichever applies); PO Box 67; Ctr. Ossipee, NH 03814.
2. Fill out the "Receipt for Certified Mail" (please see sample provided)
3. Fill out the "Return Receipt Post Card" (please see sample provided)
4. Affix postage on each envelope to cover first class mail for letter, certified mail receipt fee, and return receipt fee.
5. Do not stuff or seal envelopes. Place "Receipt for Certified Mail" and "Return Receipt Post Card" under envelope flap and submit with your application package.