



City of Rochester, NY

USE VARIANCE STATEMENT OF UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP

A use variance shall be granted only if the applicant can establish the existence of **EACH** of the following, in accordance with Section 120-195B(3) of the Zoning Ordinance:

A. No reasonable return. The subject property is not capable of yielding a reasonable rate of return if used for its present use or developed, redeveloped or used for **any other use** permitted in the district in which the property is located. There is no means other than the granting of the variance by which the property can yield a reasonable return. Such inability to yield a reasonable return must be shown by specific fact, and not the unsupported opinion of the owner or those appearing for the owner.

B. Unique circumstances. The inability to yield a reasonable return results from a unique circumstances peculiar to the subject property which do not apply to or affect other properties in the immediate vicinity that are subject to the same regulations. The personal situation of the owner shall not be considered a unique circumstance.

C. Not self created. The inability to yield a reasonable return is not the result of any action or inaction by the owner or their predecessors in title. Acquisition or improvement of the subject property at any time after the enactment of the provision sought to be varied shall raise a rebuttable presumption that the owner's inability to realize a reasonable return is the result of the owner's action.

D. Essential character of the area - surrounding uses and facilities. The granting of the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare or injurious to the enjoyment, use, or development of neighboring properties and the community or the general plan (i.e. Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan intent).

E. No other remedy. There is no means other than the granting of the variance by which the hardship can be avoided or remedied to permit the economic use of the subject property.
