

LAND USE BOARD ZONING APPLICATION

**Borough of River Edge
705 Kinderkamack Road
River Edge, NJ 07661**

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Borough of River Edge
Land Use Board
Zoning Variance Application Instructions

All meetings with the Land Use Dept. require appointments in advance.

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Requirements for Application

All Zoning Applicants must obtain a Letter of Non-compliance from the Building Department prior to completing the application and submission for consideration and scheduling by the Land Use Department.

Upon receipt of a Letter of Non-compliance from the Land Use Official, which outlines the variances you will need for your application, you must complete a Land Use - Planning Application (below), if you wish to proceed with a hearing before the Land Use Board.

Upon submission of the application, and payment of the applicable fees to the Borough of River Edge via the Land Use Department, you will receive instructions, and your date for a scheduled Completeness Review & Hearing before the Municipal Land Use Board, which will be held electronically, via Zoom web conferencing.

You will also receive a certified list of property owners within 200' of the subject property, and a list of Utilities for the applicant to Notice regarding the application being heard, and the scheduled hearing date. A cover letter explaining the procedure, including sample notices, will be included. It is important that all required variances should be mentioned in the notice.

NOTE - Meetings will be held in person at the Council Chambers on the second floor of Borough Hall, 705 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, NJ 07661, unless further notice is provided. Meetings will be concurrently held electronically via ZOOM (Hybrid). Members of the public may attend meetings in-person or via ZOOM. Log in information and a link to the meeting will be posted on the Borough web site at <https://www.riveredgenj.org/landuse>. In order to reserve your place on the agenda, all fees must be paid in advance.

The Municipal Land Use Law mandates that notice must be served to the property owners on the 200' list and Utilities via certified mail, including those in neighboring municipalities, and proof of same (return receipts – digital copies 6 to a page, and a Notarized Affidavit of Service) must be submitted to the Land Use Board clerk no less than 10 days in advance of the scheduled hearing date.

Notice must also be timely published in the Bergen Record, or the Ridgewood News no less than 10 days in advance of the assigned hearing date.

Proof of publication and service of the notice is required before the Board can act on your application. Also, there are certain minimum requirements to be contained in the notice, such as the date, time and

place of the hearing; the nature of the matters to be considered and relief sought; the identification of the property and; the location and times where the maps, plans, applications and supporting materials may be viewed by an interested party. Samples are included with your instructions.

If no notice is given or if the notice is in some way defective, this defect affects the jurisdiction of the board to act, and any action taken by the board in such cases is a nullity.

If you fail to meet these minimum requirements, the Board will not have jurisdiction, and cannot hear the application on the scheduled date, in which case you would have to re-notice for the next available meeting.

Additionally, submit one digital copy and 16 duplicate sets (packets) containing 1 copy of each of the following to the Land Use Office at least 10 days before the date of the initial hearing (*no binder clips please*), in this order:

Letter of Non-compliance (Denial) on top,

Planning/Zoning Application - all pages,

Site Plan - Plot plan and/or building plans to scale, prepared by a licensed Architect, with dimensions & elevations, **folded 8 x 10**. Site Plans are typically 24x36. Plans are to show all existing and proposed additions or alterations.

Survey - Current & legible, & prepared by a licensed land Surveyor. Surveys, usually legal size or 11x17, should be **folded 8 x 10**.

Survey or site plan should include a bulk table showing the existing and proposed zoning requirements for the subject property (see attached Zoning Requirements).

Signed certification of Tax payment (just 1 original),

Owner on-site inspection permission form.

Any other relevant documents (professional reports &/or analysis).

Applicants may submit photographs in support of testimony. All photos must show name, address and date when the photos were taken.

Failure to submit all of the above documents will cause your application to be deemed incomplete for consideration by the Land Use Board. This will delay your application hearing and cause you additional expense for the Board's professionals to perform additional reviews of your application.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

It is the applicant's responsibility to determine what, if any, permits are required from outside agencies to construct their proposed project. Including, but not limited to, the following:

- , **Bergen County Soil Conservation District**
- , **Bergen County Planning Board**
- , **New Jersey Department of Transportation**
- , **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection**

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 Phone Number: 201-788-2965
 Professional Representative: Shawn Scott (S Scott Construction)
201-337-1423

Borough of River Edge
Land Use Board of Adjustment
Zoning-Variance Application Instructions

Fees:

Residential Variance - Single-family dwelling, or land to be used as such (up to 3)	\$ 350.00	Check #1
Each additional Variance (over 3)	\$ 200.00	
Use Variance.....	\$1,500.00	
Property owners list.....	\$ 10.00	Check #2
Legal Escrow	\$ 900.00	Check #3
Legal Escrow for Use Variance	\$ 2,000.00	

Fees must be paid before certified property owners list is issued.

Professional Review Escrows

1. Review of plans and reports.

(a) In addition to the required application fees established herein, the approving authority may require the applicant to establish one (1) or more cash escrow accounts with the Borough of River Edge, to pay the reasonable costs of professional review and consultation. Said escrow fees may be required by any approving authority for any application referred to in this Chapter.

(b) If so required by the approving authority, the applicant shall be required to deposit, in addition to any application fees, a sum of money which shall be held separate in escrow by the Treasurer of the Borough of River Edge, to be utilized/or reimbursement of the fees charged by experts in reviewing, analyzing, reporting to the authority or testifying before the authority, concerning the application. Any fees charged against that account shall first be approved by the approving authority. The initial amount to be deposited shall be as required by Section 16-3.8. If the actual cost of professional services exceeds the amount deposited, the applicant shall immediately pay such additional amount as is required to pay all actual costs of professional services.

We require separate checks for each fee. You will be notified of any necessary escrow deposits needed.

Make checks payable to the Borough of River Edge

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
LAND USE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Application

Applicant. Michael and Melanie Schweiger
of 265 Adams Ave River Edge

is submitting an application to the River Edge Zoning Board of Adjustment for the property located at 265 Adams Ave Block 506 Lot. 3
Zoning District R-1 in the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey.
Email Address MSchweiger33@gmail.com

This application is for the following:

- Appeal as per NJSA 40:55D-70a.
- Interpretation as per NJSA 40:55D-70b.
- Variance from the requirements of the River Edge Zoning Ordinance as per NJSA 40:55D-70c.
- Variance from the requirements of the River Edge Zoning Ordinance as per NJSA 40:55D-70d.

The Section(s) of the Zoning Ordinance from which relief is being sought is/ are as follow(s):

Chapter 416 Section: 14 and 14 b
Chapter 416 Section: 16 and 16 b
Chapter 416 Section: _____
Chapter: Section: Rear yard setback

Reasons for the requested action:

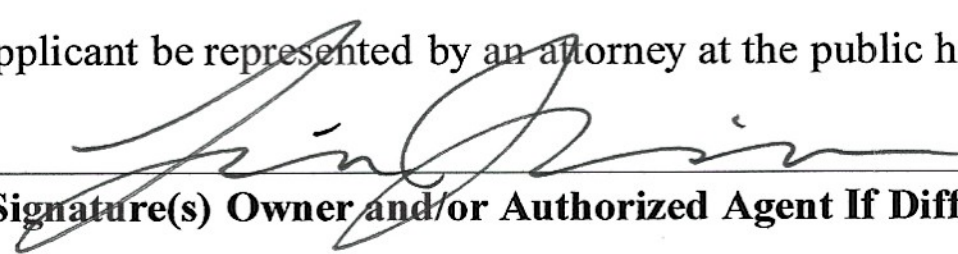
Construct an outdoor living space where none exists.

Use additional space if necessary

Please list any previous applications or appeals to the River Edge Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Board. Include dates, and any associated resolutions:

Will the applicant appear on his own behalf at the public hearing? Yes No

Will the applicant be represented by an attorney at the public hearing? Yes No



Signature(s) Owner and/or Authorized Agent If Different Than Applicant

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I. Property Description

Property address 265 Adams Ave
Block 506 Lot 3

II. Dimensions

Residential R-1	Zoning Requirement	Zoning non-conforming requirement	Present Layout Existing	Proposed Layout	Notes (*) Variance Required
Lot size (sq. ft.)	<7500	>7500	6,000	6,000	No/Existing
Frontage	75	75	60	60	No/Existing
Depth	100	100	100	100	No
Setbacks (ft.)					
Front yard	30	30	34.8	34.8	No
Rear yard	25	25	26.6	12.95	Yes *
Side yard #1	7.5	5	7.8	7.8	No
Side yard #2	7.5	5	4.6	4.6	No/Existing
Side yard total	18	12	12.4	12.4	No/Existing
Side yard corner lot	30	30	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lot coverage (%)	25	25	26.8%	31.5%	Yes *
Improved lot coverage (%)	35	35	43.2%	47.8%	Yes *
Building height	30	30	26'	26'	No
Number of stories	2-1/2	2-1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	No

Notes (*) from above dimensions:

- ① Rear yard encroached by 12.05'
- ② Building coverage overage by 387 sf (6.5%)
- ③ Lot coverage overage by 767 sf (12.8%)

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III. Proposed Improvements

A. Describe the proposed improvements, additions or alteration:

Construct a new covered deck on back of existing house to be screened in and feature a vent-free gas fireplace. Covered deck area = 277 sf.

Use additional paper if needed

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FOR SIGN APPLICATIONS

How many signs are located on the property presently? _____

- 1 . Sign#1 is setback _____ feet from the front property line, _____ feet from the left/right side yard line and _____ feet above grade.
The proposed size of sign #1 is _____ square feet.
- 2 . Sign #2 is setback-----feet from the front property line, _____ feet from the left/right side yard line and _____ feet above grade.
The proposed size of sign 32 is _____ square feet.
- 3 . The proposed area of all signs is _____ square feet.
- 4 . The proposed total number of signs on the property: _____

FOR FENCE APPLICATIONS:

1. Height along front yard line: _____ feet.
2. Height between front building line and rear line of building: _____ feet.
3. Height along rear yard line: _____ feet.
4. Describe style and material for proposed fence:

Indicate on the property survey the location and height of the proposed fence.

RIVER EDGE LAND USE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

OWNER ON-SITE INSPECTION PERMISSION FORM

STATEMENT

If the applicant is not the owner, the applicant's interest in land must be indicated, e.g., tenant, contract/ purchaser, lien holder, etc., and permission of the property owner to file the application must be submitted.

I, WE Michael and Melanie HAVE

APPLIED TO THE RIVER EDGE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR:

APPEAL OF DECISION BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

INTERPRETATION OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

 VARIANCE(S)

I, WE, BY SIGNING THIS STATEMENT, AGREE TO AN ON-SITE INSPECTION OF THE CAPTIONED PREMISE BY ANY MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF _____

NAME: Michael and Melanie Schweiger

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River Edge NJ 07061

TELEPHONE: 201-788-2965

EMAIL: mschweiger33@gmail.com

SIGNATURE: 

RIVER EDGE LAND USE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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CERTIFICATION OF TAX PAYMENT

Michael Schweiger.

Name of Applicant

265 Adams Ave.

Street Address

506

Block

3

Lot

I, being the ^{Deputy} Tax Collector of the Borough of River Edge, New Jersey, do hereby certify that tax charges on the above captioned premise are paid through the current tax period 2nd QTR 2026 and are not in arrears.

5/24/26
Date

[Signature]
Deputy Tax Collector
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