

**Application for Variance**  
City of Vergas -County of Ottertail  
111 E Main Street -PO Box 32  
Vergas MN 56587  
218-302-5996

Application Fee 400.00  
Receipt Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Accepted By/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name Matthew Lachowitz Telephone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 701-318-3456

Address: 110 Park View Drive

Property Owner's Name SAMZ Telephone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel # 82-000-99 0176 006

Legal Description:

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lake Class \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Proposed Project:

Specify the section of the ordinance from which a variance is sought:

set back from adjoining property line of 10 feet

Explain how you wish to vary from the applicable provisions of the ordinance:

move Shed to 1.5 feet from adjoining property line

Please attach a site plan or accurate survey as may be required by ordinance.

Please answer the following questions as they relate to your specific variance request:

1. In your opinion, is the variance in harmony with the purpose and intent of the ordinance? Yes ☒ No ( ) Why or why not?

2. In your opinion, is the variance consistent with the comprehensive plan? Yes ☒ No ( ) Why or why not?

3. In your opinion, does the proposal put property to use in a reasonable manner? Yes ☒ No ( ) Why or why not?

4. In your opinion, are the unique circumstances to the property not created by the landowner? Yes ☒ No ( ) Why or why not?

If shed is placed 10 ft. from line, I do not have any area to enjoy the lake or store my docks & lifts. Moving the shed also makes it further from the water.

5. In your opinion, will the variance, if granted, alter the essential character of the locality? Yes ( ) No ( ) Why or why not?

The Planning Commission must make an affirmative finding on all the five criteria listed above in order to grant a variance. The applicant for a variance has the burden of proof to show that all of the criteria listed above have been satisfied.

The undersigned certifies that they are familiar with application fees and other associated costs, and also with the procedural requirements of the City Code and other applicable ordinances.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

7-23-2024

Hello,

I first must apologize as I misunderstood what needed to be done while constructing my shed. It was my understanding from talking to neighbors and when I read everything that if the adjoining property owners were ok with it being closer than 10 feet to the property line that we were ok to build the shed. I had obtained their permission and blessing on shed placement, not realizing I needed to apply for a variance. The reason for moving the shed is because of a couple of items that came up when placing the shed at the original spot I had marked in the permit.

1. There were power and water lines in the ground I didn't want to disturb.
2. The placement of the shed blocked my dock access and significant rework of my shore would have to be done to allow the placement
3. I would lose a lot of my landing down by the lake with the placement of the shed
4. With moving the shed to its current position, we moved even further away from the lake, and kept things uniform with other sheds in the area by the water.
5. Having the shed at the original location would have not allowed me area to store my docks and lifts, meaning they would have to be hauled out by barge and stored in the yard each winter

It was not my intent to do anything wrong and I hope and pray the council approves my request for a variance, so I do not lose the ability to use my space as designed. We want to be good citizens of Vergas and provide improvements to the community and our property. We intend to retire to this beautiful town we have grown to love in the past year and hope you will approve our request.

Thank you



Matthew Lachowitzer

*I would like to add the shed is being constructed to match our home completely and is finished with top quality materials.*

