

**Variance Justification:**

In order to justify approval of any variance, the Board of Zoning Adjustment considers the following criteria. Please answer all of the following items. Use additional sheets if needed. A response of yes, no, or N/A is not acceptable.

**1. Explain how the variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.**

Four board Horse fence height of 60 inches safely contains horses. Horses can climb or jump 48 inch fences causing potential damage to property and injury to neighbors, not to mention the horse itself.

**2. Explain how the variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.**

A well maintained horse pature in place of farm crops improve the character and appeal of general vicinity and matches other existing four board horse fence height in the general vicinity.

**3. Explain how the variance will not cause a hazard or a nuisance to the public.**

Four board horse fencing with a height of 60 inches will safely contain horses. Horses that escape 48 inch fences will cause a nuisance and potential hazard. Many neighbors shoot off fireworks, fire guns, and even sirens and thunder can spook a horse and cause it to jump a fence.

**4. Explain how the variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the requirements of the zoning regulations.**

It will match the some of the existing 4 board horse fencing height in the surrounding vicinity.

*Additional consideration:*

**1. Explain how the variance arises from special circumstances, which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity (please specify/identify).**

We have a horse that will be 17 hands (68 inches) at the withers, making her withers well over 20 inches higher than a 48" fence.

**2. Explain how the strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create unnecessary hardship.**

Owner would not be able to bring horses currently boarded elsewhere at the owners considerable expense to her own property

**3. Are the circumstances the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the regulation from which relief is sought?**

no

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