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APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

To: Board of Adjustment, Town of Gorham, NH

Name of Applicant Elizabeth Griffin

Address 30 Washington St

Owner Same  
(if same as applicant, write "same")

Location of Property 30 Washington St Gorham Map/Parcel U3-70  
(street, number, sub-division and lot number)

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Case No. 07-2023  
Date Filed 7/5/25  
(signed - ZBA)

NOTE: This application is not acceptable unless all required statements have been made.

Additional information may be supplied on separate pages if the space provided is inadequate.

Article IV Section 4.01 C 2.b

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A variance is requested from article Setbacks section \_\_\_\_\_ of the zoning ordinance to permit a ramp to be placed so that a 93 year old

with a walker can get in and out of the house independently is necessary. The ramp would

Facts in support of granting the variance:

1. Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest because:  
it would be totally on our property and not affect any abutters or the town

2. If the variance were granted, the spirit of the ordinance would be observed because:  
This should not affect the value of ~~the~~ any ~~abutters~~ abutters or our property. The ~~abutters~~ abutters have all agreed to our building the ramp.

3. Granting the variance would do substantial justice because:  
It would allow a Gorham ~~citizen~~ resident for 50+ years

easier access to her new home

4. If the variance were granted, the **values** of the surrounding properties would not be diminished because:

the ramp would not detract from the neighborhood and would be kept up.

5. Unnecessary Hardship

A. Owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, denial of the variance would result in unnecessary **hardship** because:

i. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property because:

without the ordinance variance a resident would not be ~~safely~~ able to safely evacuate the premises in an emergency. It would also make it easier for EMT to remove her from the home and is necessary.

ii. The proposed use is a reasonable one because:

It will a 50+ year resident of Gorham better access to her current home.

B. Explain how, if the criteria in subparagraph (A) are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.

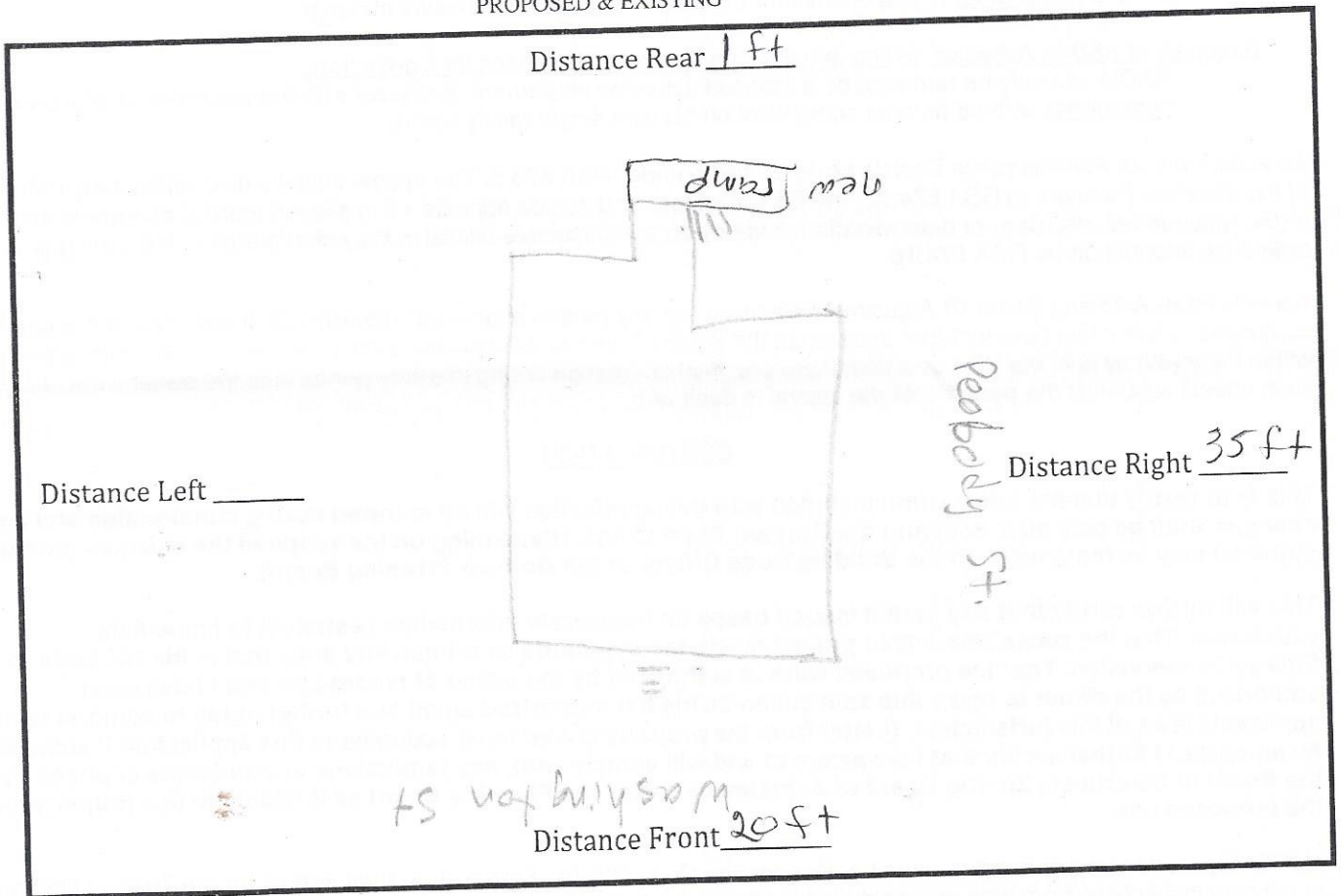
If we are not allowed the variance a 93 year old will not be able to get in or out of the house without assistance even in an emergency.

Description of Work to be done:

building permit submitted (B60-2023) and approved  
owners  
re-submit - needs variance

NOTE: Setback Distances from structures to all property lines. Remember the front setback is measured from your property line not the road!

PROPOSED & EXISTING



Name of Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map & Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by Board of Selectmen

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