

C. ALTERNATE SETBACK VARIANCE

- If any neighbors will be affected by this alternative setback, **enter their contact information below.** *VAAF*M will notify the adjacent property owners of your request for an alternative setback.

Adjacent Landowner #1 Name and Address:

Adjacent Landowner #2 Name and Address:

- Attach a sheet describing why you need an alternative setback .**

Highlight the specific site constraints particular to your property, how this hardship is beyond your control, how developing the proposed site will not be detrimental to adjoining property or to public health, and why this proposed alternative is the least possible deviation from the required setbacks.

Alternative setback requests may be denied. The Secretary will consider the following in issuing an alternative setback:

1. There are unique existing physical conditions or exceptional topographical or other physical constraints peculiar to the particular property that would create a hardship for the farm operation; and because of such physical conditions or constraints, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with pre-existing setbacks and that the authorization of an alternative setback is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable operation of the farm.
2. The hardship has not been created by the applicant.
3. The alternative setback, if authorized by the Secretary, will not substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjoining property, nor be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.
4. The variance, if authorized by the Secretary, will represent the minimum alternative that will afford relief and will represent the least deviation possible from required setbacks.

NOTE: VAAF

M cannot approve any construction (including fences) within a highway right of way. You must request approval from the town in those cases.

D. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

1. Letter to Municipal Zoning Authority: *Any individual or operation planning to construct a Farm Structure is required to inform the Municipal Zoning Authority of their plans before starting construction . Please attach a copy of that written letter here.*

2. Site Plan: *Attach a site plan of the proposed construction project showing distance to all property lines from the furthest projection of the structure, location of surface water, wetlands, and flood plains and river corridor.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entire parcel boundary | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distance to all properties | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighboring land use | <input type="checkbox"/> Location of any easements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands (indicate class) | <input type="checkbox"/> Open water | <input type="checkbox"/> Buffers |

D. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided here is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete.

Applicant Name (please print):

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Reminder -- submit to:

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets
Small Farm Operations Program
116 State St. Montpelier, VT 05420

Contact Information: (802) 828-2431 or AGR.WaterQuality@vermont.gov