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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

AREA VARIANCE APPLICATION

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

The Town of Avon Zoning Board of Appeals pursuant to Article XI: Appeals of the Town Code reviews submitted applications on a first-come-first-served basis. The number of applications scheduled for review will vary depending upon the number and difficulty of the applications received. The objective of the ZBA is to process all applications in a timely and efficient manner.

It is the responsibility of the applicant that all forms are filled out completely and accurately prior to the application being processed. All completed applications are subject to the rules and standards set forth by the Town of Avon and State statutes. The Building & Zoning Department does not guarantee any board approvals for completed applications.

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TOWN OF AVON OPERA BLOCK BUILDING 23 GENESEE STREET AVON, NEW YORK 14414

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2024 BOARD CALENDAR

Meetings dates & times are subject to change

| APPLICATION DEADLINE 1 (PRC) ² 12:00pm | JOINT BOARD (ZBA & PB) Meeting: 6:00pm | LIVINGSTON COUNTY DEADLINE ³ | LIVINGSTON COUNTY Meeting: 7:00pm |
|---|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| January 8 th | January 22 nd | January 25 th | February 8 th |
| February 12 th | February 26 th | February 29 th | March 14 th |
| March 4 th | March 18 th | March 28 th | April 11 th |
| April 1st | April 15 th | April 25 th | May 9 th |
| May 6 th | May 20 th | May 30 th | June 13 th |
| June 3 rd | June 17 th | June 27 th | July 11 th |
| July 1st | July 15 th | July 25 th | August 8 th |
| August 5 th | August 19 th | August 29 th | September 12 th |
| September 2 nd | September 16 th | September 26 th | October 10 th |
| October 7 th | October 21st | October 31st | November 14 th |
| November 4 th | November 18 th | November 28 th | December 12 th |
| December 2 nd | December 16 th | December 26 th | January 9, 2025 |
| January 6 th , 2025 | January 20 th , 2025 | January 30, 2025 | February 13, 2025 |

- 1. The Applicant will be notified of their scheduled meeting. If your application is considered incomplete, the applicant will be notified and will not be placed on an agenda until requested information has been submitted to the Town Building & Zoning Department.
- 2. PRC Meetings may be held to review applications and are scheduled by the Town Building & Zoning Department if needed.
- 3. All completed applications are to be submitted to the Town Building & Zoning Department by 12:00pm on the deadline day.



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GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR AN AREA VARIANCE

This publication has been written to aid potential applicants in understanding and appreciating the variance process, and to provide an explanation of the rules and standards under which variance decisions of this Town's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) must be made.

What must be proven in order to be granted an Area Variance?

If requesting an Area Variance, that is, permission to build in an otherwise restricted portion of the property (such as in the required front, side or rear yards, or above the required building height, or in excess of the lot coverage regulations), then State law requires the applicant to show that the benefit the applicant stands to receive from the variance will outweigh any burden to health, safety and welfare that may be suffered by the community. State law requires the ZBA to take the following factors into consideration in making its determination:

- 1. Whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance.
- 2. Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance.
- 3. Whether the requested area variance is substantial.
- 4. Whether the proposed area variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district.
- 5. Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created, which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the ZBA, but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.

The ZBA must take each one of the factors into account. The ZBA may also decide that a lesser variance than the one requested would be appropriate, or may decide that there are alternatives available to the applicant which would not require a variance.

Must the Variance, if granted, be exactly what was applied for by the applicant?

Whether the ZBA decides to grant an Area Variance, State law requires the ZBA to grant the minimum variance necessary to provide relief, while at the same time taking care to protect the character of the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the community. For these same reasons, the ZBA may also impose reasonable conditions on the granting of any variance.

Will the ZBA make a decision the night of the hearing?

Once the hearing is closed, the ZBA may begin discussing the case and reach a decision, or may postpone discussion and/or its decision until a later meeting. If the ZBA deems it necessary, the hearing may be reopened at any time. Once the hearing has been finally closed, the ZBA must make its decision with 62 days.

Application Checklist: The following is required for a hearing and appeal to take place.

- 1. \$45.00 check payable to: Town of Avon
- 2. Denied Zoning Permit giving the right to appeal

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PROCEDURE TO PETITION FOR VARIANCE

- 1. Apply for a Zoning Permit. If denied, a written Petition for a Variance must be submitted to the Code Enforcement Clerk within 45 days with a filing fee of \$45.00; payable to Town of Avon.
- 2. Petition for a Variance should contain the following:
 - a) Name and address of the applicant.
 - b) Name and address of the owner of the loss to be affected by such proposed appeal.
 - c) Description and location of the loss to be affected by such proposed appeal. Also, copy of Tax map which can be obtained from the Town Assessor.
 - **d)** Statement of the present zoning classification of the lost in question, the improvements thereof, and the present use of thereof.
 - e) A reasonably accurate description of the present improvements, and the additions or changes intended to be made under this application, indicating the size of such proposed improvements, material and general construction thereof.
 - f) A sketch plan (plot plan) of the real property to be affected, indicating the location and size of the lotand the size of any improvements thereon or proposed to be erected.
 - g) Petition must contain sufficient allegations to comply with the relief requested depending upon the type of relief sought, i.e. use or area variance. This information should be sufficiently complete to meet the burden upon the Petitioner to convince the appropriate Board that the relief requested may legally be granted pursuant to the process.
 - h) Petition must have proper verification and must be signed and notarized.
 - i) Short Environmental Assessment Form- Part 1, must be completed and submitted with the Variance Application.
- 3. The Code Enforcement Clerk will submit the Petition for a Variance to the Livingston County Planning Board for their review and recommendation. Use Variances will also be submitted to the Town Planning Board for review. After review by the Livingston County Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing within 45 days. Notice of this Public Hearing will be advertised in local newspaper at least 5 days prior to the Hearing, and all property owners within 500 feet of the property will be notified by mail.
- **4.** If a Variance is granted, one must apply for a new Zoning permit.

If you have any questions, contact the Code Enforcement Clerk at 585-226-2425 Ext. 19 or email <u>kmcdowell@avon-ny.org</u>

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Signature of Applicant

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AREA VARIANCE APPLICATION FORM

Submit the completed application package with payment to the Code Enforcement Clerk. Please make checks payable to the Town of Avon. Application Fee: \$60.00 Rec'd Date: _____ ☐ Check#: \square Zoning Permit for denial purposes giving the right to appeal \Box Ten (10) digital collated copies of each document below sent electronically **APPLICANT INFORMATION:** Applicant: _____ Corporation Name: ____ Street Address: City Zip Fax: Email: Phone: **PROJECT INFORMATION:** _____ Date: _____ Project Name: Project Address: ____ Tax Map ID: Zoning District: Is the subject property within 500' of a State or County Road or Town Boundary? \Box Yes \Box No (If yes, the Town may be required to refer your application to the Livingston County Planning Board.) **Brief Summary of Area Variance Request:** Historic District: □Yes □No **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** Applicant must provide ten (10) copies of each document, except the application fee. ☐ Construction Renderings for Proposed Project □ Application Fee ☐ Project Site Plans □ Parcel Survey Map □ Application Form □ Zoning Permit ☐ Statement of Hardship □ Consultant Fees Agreement □ Disclosure Affidavit Form ☐ Authorized Representative Form ☐ Completed Application Checklist ☐ Agricultural Data Statement (if within 500' of an agricultural district) \square SEQR – Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1 I have examined this application and declare that it is true, correct, and complete. I understand that my application and all supporting documentation will be examined by the Zoning Board of Appeals as an integral component of deliberations. Date Signature of Property Owner

Date



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STATEMENT OF HARDSHIP

PURPOSE: The term "Area Variance" shall mean the authorization by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the use of land in a manner, which is not permitted by the dimensional or physical requirements of the applicable zoning regulations.

In deciding whether to grant an Area Variance, the Zoning Board of Appeals takes into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood or community (NYS Town Law § 267-B.3(b)(1-5)).

In an effort to allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant an area variance, the applicant must present substantial evidence concerning the following statements by providing supporting evidence for each. You may attach additional sheets if necessary.

| Pro | oject Name/Number: | Date: |
|-----|--|--|
| Sul | bject Property Address: | |
| a. | Whether an undesirable change will be produced in the properties will be created by the granting of the area variance. | |
| b. | Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved than an area variance. | I by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other |
| c. | Whether the requested area variance is substantial. | |
| d. | Whether the proposed area variance will have an adverse e in the neighborhood or district. | ffect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions |
| e. | Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created, which conside not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance. | leration shall be relevant to the decision of the ZBA, but shall |
| | I have examined this application and declare that is true, component of deliberations. | |
| | Signature of Property Owner/Applicant | Date |



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AGREEMENT TO PAY FEES FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES INCURRED BY THE TOWN OF AVON

When reviewing an application for, or when conducting inspections in relation to an application, the Town of Avon, New York may determine that the assistance of outside consultants is warranted due to the size, scale or complexity of a proposed project, because of a project's potential impacts, or because the Town lacks the necessary expertise to perform the work related to the application. Whenever possible, the Town of Avon, New York shall work cooperatively with the applicant to identify what scope of work shall require the employment of consultants. In the event that such sum is insufficient to fund the necessary consulting services, the Town of Avon, New York may require additional deposits.

Let it be understood and the property owner agrees that:

- 1. In hiring outside consultants, the Town of Avon, New York may engage registered design professionals, financial analysts, planners, lawyers or other appropriate professionals who can assist the Town in analyzing a project to ensure compliance with all relevant laws, bylaws, and regulations. Such assistance may include, but not be limited to, analyzing an application, monitoring or inspecting a project or site for compliance with the Town's decision or regulations, or inspecting a project during construction or implementation.
- 2. Funds received by the Town of Avon, New York pursuant to this section shall be deposited with the Code Enforcement Clerk who shall establish a line item for this purpose. Expenditures from this line item may be made at the direction of the Code Enforcement Clerk without further appropriation. Expenditures from this line item shall be made only for services rendered in connection with a specific project or projects for which a project review fee has been or will be collected from the property owner. Additionally, the failure of a property owner to pay any fee shall be grounds for denial of an application. Lastly, any outstanding fees incurred by the Town of Avon, New York shall be charged against the property, and shall constitute a lien thereon in favor of the municipality, and the amount of such costs shall be entered on the tax rolls as being due and payable. Such fees may also be recovered in any other lawful manner.
- 3. At the completion of the Town's review of a project, any excess amount in the line item attributable to a specific project shall be repaid to the property owner. A final report of said line item shall be made available to the property owner if requested.
- **4.** Any property owner may take an administrative appeal from the selection of the outside consultant to the Town Board. Such appeal must be made in writing and may be taken only within twenty (20) days after the Town has mailed or hand-delivered notice to the property owner of the selection. The grounds for such an appeal shall be limited to claims that the consultant selected has a conflict of interest or does not possess the minimum required qualification. The required time limit for action upon an application by the Town Board shall be extended by the duration of the administrative appeal. In the event that no decision is made by the Town Board within one month following the filing of the appeal, the selection made by the Town of Avon, New York shall stand.

I have examined this application and declare that is true, correct and complete upon submission. I understand that my application and all supporting documentation will be examined by the Town of Avon as an integral component of deliberations.

| Signature of Property Owner | Date |
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| Signature of Applicant | Date |

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DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT (GML § 809)

The Applicant has read and is familiar with the provisions of the General Municipal Law, Section 809, which states:

- A. Every application, petition or request submitted for a variance, amendment, change of zoning approval of plat, exemption of plat or official map, license or permit, pursuant to the provisions of any ordinance, local law, rule or regulation constituting the zoning and planning regulations of a municipality shall state the name, residence and the nature and extent of the interest of any state officer or any officer or employee of such municipality or of a municipality or a part, in the person, partnership or association making such application, petition or request (hereinafter called the applicant) to the extent known to such applicant.
- **B.** For the purpose of this section of State law, an officer or employee shall be deemed to have an interest in the applicant when he, his spouse, or their brothers, sisters, parents, children, grandchildren, or the spouse of any of them:
 - 1. Is the applicant;
 - 2. Is an officer, director, partner or employee of the applicant;
 - 3. Legally or beneficially owns or controls stock of a corporate applicant or is a member of a partnership or association applicant; or
 - **4.** Is a party to an agreement with such an applicant, express or implied, whereby he may receive any payment or other benefit, whether or not for services rendered, dependent or contingent upon the favorable approval of such application, petition or request.
- **C.** Ownership of less than five per cent of the Stock of a corporation whose stock is listed on the New York or American Stock Exchanges shall not constitute an interest for the purposes of this section.
- **D.** A person who knowingly and intentionally violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

If a Town of Avon officer, employee or relative of either as defined in the General Municipal Law, Section 809, has any interest in this application, the full particulars are provided on an attached sheet.

OWNER'S AGREEMENT TO CONTENTS OF APPLICATION

| It is hereby understood that the contents of this entire application is hereby subscribed by the property |
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| owner, all matters understood and agreed to, and is hereby affirmed by the owner as true under the |
| penalties for perjury. |

| Print Name of Property Owner | |
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| Signature of Property Owner | |
| Date | |

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OWNER INFORMATION

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FORM

WHEN TO USE THIS FORM: This Authorized Representative form is enclosed if the owner would like someone to represent him/her/they at the public meeting and hearing. Please complete this form and submit it to the Code Enforcement Clerk. The owner is responsible to notify his/her/their representative of the time and place of the public meeting and hearing.

| Property Owner Name: | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Address: | | | | - | | |
| Telephone: | | | | _ | | |
| Email: | | | | _ | | |
| REPRESENTATIVE INFORMAT | <u>ION</u> | | | | | |
| Representative's Name: | | | | _ | | |
| Address: | | | | - | | |
| Telephone: | | | | _ | | |
| Email: | | | | _ | | |
| The Owner hereby perm submitted to the Town of this application to this Aut Signature of Property Owner | Avon, New York. S thorized Represent | Such Owner auth | | | | |
| Date | | | | | | |
| STATE OF NEW YORK | <u> </u> | | | | | |
| SS: | | | | | | |
| COUNTY OF: | | | | | | |
| On this | day of | 20 | _, before me pers | onally came | | , |
| to me known and known t | o me to be the person | n described in and | who executed the | foregoing instrun | nent and he/she | |
| acknowledged to me that l | ne/she executed the s | same. | | | | |
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| Notary Publi | C | | | | | |

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AGRICULTURAL DATA STATEMENT

Instructions: This form must be completed for any application for a Special Use Permit, Site Plan approval, Use Variance or a Subdivision approval requiring municipal review that would occur on property within 500 feet of a farm operation located in a NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets certified Agricultural District.

| APPLICANT INFORMATION | ; | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Applicant: | | Corporation Name: | |
| Street Address: | | City | Zip |
| Phone: | Fax: | Email: | |
| TYPE OF APPLICATION: | Special Use Permit 🗆 Site Plan Review | ☐ Subdivision Review | ☐ Use Variance ☐ Area Variance |
| DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSE | ED PROJECT: | | |
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| PROJECT INFORMATION: | | | |
| Project Name: | | | Date: |
| Project Address: | | | |
| Tax Map ID: | | Zoning District: | |
| Is this parcel within an Ag | ricultural District? \square Yes \square No (Chec | k with your local Assesso | or if you do not know) |
| If YES, Agricultural District | Number | | |
| Is this parcel actively farm | ned? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No | | |
| Type of farm operation: | | | Acreage: |
| | hin 500 feet of your parcel. Attach add | | |
| Name/Address (Please list | t if property is actively farmed): | | |
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| Signature of Property Owr | ner | Date | |



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| Zoning D | istrict: | |
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| PLAN CHECKLIST | | |
| Applicant Confirmation | Initial Town Review | Follow-up Town Review |
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Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

| Pai | rt 1 – Project an | nd Sponsor Information | | | | | | | |
|------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------|------|-----|
| Naı | me of Action or l | Project: | | | | | | | |
| Pro | ject Location (de | escribe, and attach a location r | nap): | | | | | | |
| Brid | ef Description of | f Proposed Action: | | | | | | | |
| Naı | me of Applicant | or Sponsor: | | | Telephone: | | | | |
| | | | | | E-Mail: | | | | |
| Ado | dress: | | | | | | | | |
| City | y/PO: | | | | State: | | Zip C | ode: | |
| 1. | | sed action only involve the legrule, or regulation? | gislative adoption | of a plan, loca | l law, ordinan | ce, | | NO | YES |
| | es, attach a narr | ative description of the intent he municipality and proceed to | | | | resources th | at | | |
| | | sed action require a permit, ap | | from any other | er government | Agency? | - | NO | YES |
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| 3. | b. Total acreage c. Total acreage | e of the site of the proposed ace to be physically disturbed? e (project site and any contigued by the applicant or project s | ous properties) ov | vned | acres acres | | | | |
| 4. | Check all land u | uses that occur on, are adjoining | g or near the prop | osed action: | | | | | |
| 5. | Urban | Rural (non-agriculture) | Industrial | Commercia | al Reside | ential (subur | ban) | | |
| | ☐ Forest | Agriculture | Aquatic | Other(Spec | eify): | | | | |
| | ☐ Parkland | | | | | | | | |

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| 5. | Is the proposed action, | NO | YES | N/A |
|-------|--|----|-----|-----|
| | a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? | | | |
| | b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan? | | | |
| _ | | | NO | YES |
| 6. | Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape? | | | |
| 7. | Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? | | NO | YES |
| If Y | Yes, identify: | | | |
| | | | NO | YES |
| 8. | a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? | | | IES |
| | b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? | | | |
| | c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action? | | | |
| 9. | Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? | | NO | YES |
| If th | he proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: | | | |
| 10. | Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? | | NO | YES |
| | If No, describe method for providing potable water: | | | |
| 11. | Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? | | NO | YES |
| | If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: | | | |
| | a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or distric | t | NO | YES |
| Coı | ich is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the mmissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the te Register of Historic Places? | | | |
| | b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for haeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory? | | | |
| 13. | a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency? | | NO | YES |
| | b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? | | | |
| If Y | Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: | | | |
| | | | | |

| 14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: | | |
|---|-------|-----|
| ☐Shoreline ☐ Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-successional | | |
| Wetland Urban Suburban | | |
| 15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or | NO | YES |
| Federal government as threatened or endangered? | | |
| 16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan? | NO | YES |
| | | |
| 17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? | NO | YES |
| If Yes, | | |
| a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? | | |
| b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| 18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water | NO | VEC |
| or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)? | NO | YES |
| If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment: | | |
| | | |
| 49. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste | NO | YES |
| management facility? If Yes, describe: | | |
| If Tes, describe. | | |
| | | |
| 20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or | NO | YES |
| completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe: | | |
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| I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BE MY KNOWLEDGE | ST OF | |
| Applicant/sponsor/name: | | |
| Signature:Title: | | |
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