A "variance" is a grant of relief given by a community from the terms of specific standards required in its floodplain regulations. The issuance of a variance is for floodplain management purposes only. Insurance premium rates are determined by the federal government according to actuarial risk and will not be modified by the grant of a variance. ANY VARIANCE GRANTED BY A COMMUNITY MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE NFIP GUIDELINES AND WITH LOCAL LAW.

1. Name of applicant __________________________________________________________

2. Specify the section of the floodplain regulations from which a variance is sought: __________________________

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3. Explain how proposed development would vary from the provisions of the floodplain regulations:

   ____________________________________________________________________________

4. Explain the hardship imposed if a strict application of the floodplain regulations is enforced:

   ____________________________________________________________________________

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NOTE: Applicant may attach any additional supporting documents and data he/she feels necessary to help explain this project and variance request.

AN APPLICANT RECEIVING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A STRUCTURE WITH THE LOWEST FLOOR ELEVATION BELOW THE BASE FLOOR ELEVATION (100-YEAR) IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE REDUCED FLOOR ELEVATION WILL RESULT IN INCREASED PREMIUM RATES FOR FLOOD INSURANCE UP TO AMOUNTS AS HIGH AS $25 PER $100 OF INSURANCE COVERAGE. CONSTRUCTION BELOW THE BASE FLOOD LEVEL INCREASES RISKS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Applicant's Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Administrator's Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

RECORD OF VARIANCE ACTIONS

5. Variance request submitted to Variance Board on ________________ (date).

6. In accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the floodplain regulations in the resolution recorded in the Athens County Board of Commissioner's Journal 40, page 435, the Variance Board hereby { } approves, { } denies the above request for variance.

By: __________________________ , __________________________

Signature __________________________________________

Title ____________________________________________________________________________

Date: __________________________

Decisions of the board: ____________________________________________________________________________

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Special provisions of variance approval: ____________________________________________________________________________

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NOTE: As provided in Chapter 2506 of the Ohio Revised Code, those aggrieved by the decision of the "appeal board" may appeal such decisions to the Athens County Court of Common Pleas.

The fee for a floodplain variance request is $100.00 and payable to the Athens County Regional Planning Commission at the time of submittal.