



Victoria Board of Variance

Board of Variance Bylaw No. 07-097

1. The Bylaw provides that the Board shall consist of five citizen representatives:
 - Five members appointed by Council
 - One person elected Chair by the Board members
2. Term: Three-year terms (or until such times as a successor is appointed). There is no limit to the number of terms an individual may serve.
3. The following are not eligible to be appointed to the Board:
 - (1) A member of Council;
 - (2) A member of the Advisory Planning Commission; or
 - (3) An officer or employee of the City.

4. Summary:

The Board of Variance is an autonomous body with authority to vary requirements of the Zoning Bylaw within prescribed statutory limits. This authority is exclusive to the Board. There are five Board members. No member of the Board shall receive compensation for services. Hearings are informal but follow the procedures prescribed in Division 6, Part 25, of the Local Government Act and of the City of Victoria's *Board of Variance Bylaw 07-097*.

Qualifications of the Applicant

Victoria City Council is seeking qualified applicants with preferred experience in adjudication, land use planning, law, or engineering. Additionally, the following skills and abilities will be considered when City Council assesses the applicants.

1. Skill to read architectural plans and documents, and be able to mentally visualize the proposal being submitted for review.
2. Thorough understanding of the Zoning Bylaws of the City of Victoria.
3. Knowledge of the existing Community and area plans produced by the City of Victoria Planning Department, and approved by Victoria City Council.
4. Ability and time to attend twenty-two meetings a year at noon for a portion of the afternoon, and the occasional meetings for a large portion of the afternoon.
5. Ability and time to examine each site during the five days prior to the hearing on the afternoon of the Board meeting.