City of Grant P.O. Box 577 Willernie, MN 55090



Phone: 651.426.3383 Fax: 651.429.1998 Email: clerk@cityofgrant.com

Application Date:	
Fee: \$400 Es	scrow: \$3,000

VARIANCE REQUEST

In certain cases a variance from the strict enforcement and adherence to the zoning ordinance may not be possible due to practical difficulties associated with a property. A practical difficulty means that the proposed use of the property and associated structures in question cannot be established under the conditions allowed by the zoning ordinance and that no other reasonable alternate use exists. The following application is provided for such circumstances and will be determined by the Board of Adjustment for the City of Grant.

PARCEL IDENTIFICATION N LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	1 1 1 1 1 1	ZONING DISTRICT & COMP PLAN LAND USE: LOT SIZE:
PROJECT ADDRESS:	OWNER: Name: Address: City, State. Phone: Email:	APPLICANT (IF DIFFERENT THAN OWNER):
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF REG	UEST:	
APPLICABLE ZONING CODE S Please review the referenced cod 1. Chapter 32, Sec. 32-60	de section for a detailed description of required	submittal documents, and subsequent process.

Submittal Materials

The following materials must be submitted with your application in order to be considered complete. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the necessary materials please contact the City Planner.

AP – Applicant check list, CS – City Staff check list

AP	CS	MATERIALS
M		Site Plan: All full scale plans shall be at a scale not smaller than 1" = 100' and include a north arrow Property dimensions Area in acres and square feet Setbacks Location of existing and proposed buildings (including footprint, and dimensions to lot lines) Location of current and proposed curb cuts, driveways and access roads Sanitary sewer (septic) and water utility plans Location of well and septic systems on adjacent properties Location of wetlands and other natural features Existing and proposed parking (if applicable) Off-street loading areas (if applicable) Existing and proposed sidewalks and trails COPIES: 1 plan at 22"x34", 12 plans at 11"x17" (half scale)



Application for: VARIANCE City of Grant

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	Statement acknowledging that you have contacted other governmental agencies such as Watershed Districts, County departments, State agencies, or others that may have jurisdiction over your project.
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2/ 0	Paid Application Fee: \$400
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MATERIALS T	HAT MAY BE REQUIRED UPON THE REQUEST OF THE CITY PLANNER
	Survey of the property: An official survey, by a licensed surveyor, must be submitted with the application. The survey shall be scalable and in an 11" x 17" format.
	Wetland Delineation: A wetland delineation may be necessary depending on the reason for the variance, and stated site constraints.
	Electronic copy of all submittal documents

City of Grant – Variance
Last Revised 6/2014



City of Grant Variance Request Application

PIN: 21.030.21.32.0014 & 21.030.21.32.0008

Legal description: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 30, Range 21 &

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 30, Range 21

Zoning district and Comp Plan Land Use: A-2

Lot size: 4.76 acres (0014) & 5.01 acres (0008)

Project Address: 4XX Maple St. Grant, MN 55115

Owners/Applicants: Dane & Stefanie Hansen

22 Duck Pass Rd. North Oaks, MN 55127

651-341-3769

danechansendo@gmail.com

Brief Description of Request:

We are applying for a variance request to waive the frontage standard for the southern plot, so that it can be developed as a legal, non-conforming lot to support a single-family residence.

Existing site conditions: The properties are completely undisturbed, with no improvements present. They are densely wooded.

RE: Request for variance for frontage exemption

This letter is intended as a written narrative regarding our application for a variance pertaining to parcel number: PID 21.030.21.32.0008 at 4XX Maple Street. We are applying for a variance in the Grant City code frontage requirements in order to sell the parcel separately from our adjacent, owned lot allowing it to hold a single family residence.

We purchased this property on the fall of 2016 as two separate plots. They each had their own legal description, and separate PID per Washington County records. When we purchased the land, we expected that the lots could be sold and built on, independently of each other. After further research, we realized that the southern lot did not meet the minimum requirements of current Grant City zoning and land use standards, due to lack of frontage. With this, we are applying for a variance in the frontage requirement of the southern lot, designating it as a legal, non-conforming lot. This will then give us the ability to sell the southern property to our good friends, while building a home on the northern property ourselves.

We believe that the southern lot qualifies as a legal, non-conforming lot under Grant Code 32-246, Sec (b)1, which states that an "Existing Lot Defined" is any lot that was of record with the county recorder prior to the adoption of the ordinance from which the chapter is defined. This would be prior to the creation of the Metropolitan Council in 1967, which was the basis of the current Grant minimum requirements and density regulations.

Through researching the history of these properties, we can show that the property line separating the 2 parcels has been present in Washington County survey records since at least 1938 (see attached historical survey.) We also have property sale records from 1952 and 1954 showing the sale of two parcels of land that include the properties we own, plus the 10 acre property to our east. At that time, the 20 acres were split into a northern 10 acres adjacent to Maple St, and 10 acres to the south, without road access.

In 1993, Thomas Greenwald, who owned both properties, applied to have the lots realigned so that both lots would have frontage on Maple St. This was approved,

and a new north/south property line was created. The eastern 10 acres, which contained the homestead, were converted to a single property. The western 10 acres (which we own) did not get combined by the county, and have remained as two separate properties as they sit today. This information shows that our two properties have been separate parcels (in one form or another) since well before the Metro Council was created, thus qualifying as "existing lots" that should not be held to the current regulations.

We also believe there are further benefits to approving our variance. First, since these properties are immediately adjacent to R-1 Zoning areas, this decision will stop any further development of this land, which fits with the goals of the Grant Comprehensive Plan. Second, this allows for utilization of a 5 acre property that would otherwise go unused due to lack of road access. The current tax value is nominal, and by allowing it to become a legal lot with a home in place, the tax value significantly increases. Finally, we feel that this is a very unique situation that is specific to our property. It is very unlikely that this variance will set any precedent that can be used by others to divide and develop their properties.

The two parcels have been recently surveyed, and a proposed public/private road has been included. This would give access to the southern lot without disturbing any other properties. Soil/septic testing is pending, but results are expected prior to the upcoming planning commission meeting. Thank you for reviewing our variance request. We do look forward to becoming residents of Grant Township in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dane and Stefanie Hansen

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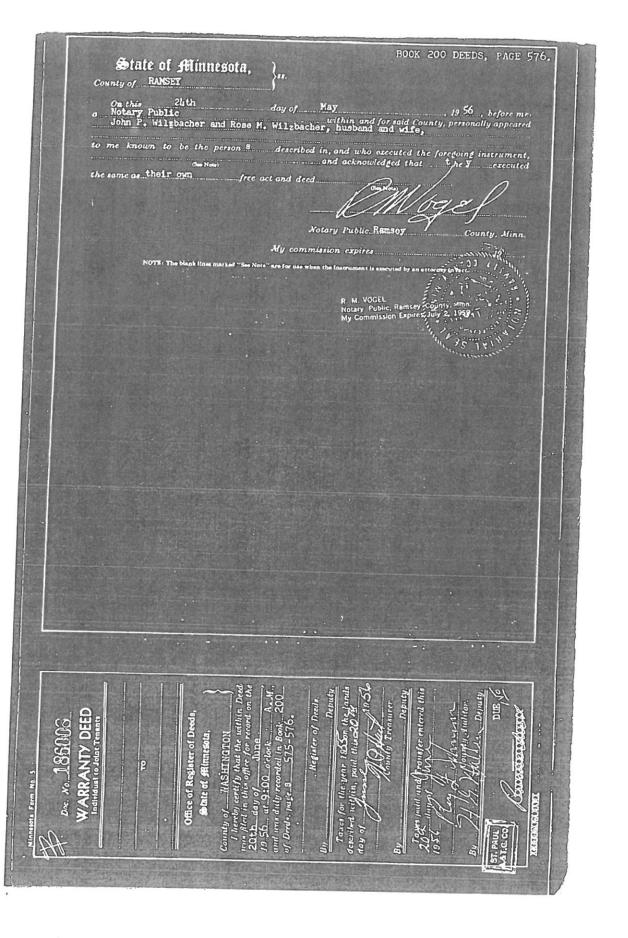
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APPLICATION FORM

Comprehensive Plan Amendment	Conditional Use Permit
Zoning District Amendment	Special Use Permit
Text Amendment	Subdivision
Variance	Planned Unit Development
Certificate of Compliance	Vacation of Street
Other	Preliminary/Final Plat
Applicant: Thomas & Kin GRe	(Phone)
(Address) MAPLE St.	
Fee Owner of Affected Property The	MAS + KIM GREENWALD
(Address) MAPLE ST.	653-8077 (Phone)
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In signing this application, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the applicable provisions of the ordinances of the Town of Grant. I understand that this application shall not be received or accepted by the Town until all data and information required by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors or ordinance has been provided to the Town.

I understand that I am responsible for and hereby agree to pay all statements received from the Town of Grant pertaining to administrative or processing expenses with regard to this application. Further, I agree to pay to the Town Clerk at the time of filing this application, a deposit to be specified by the Town Clerk for the purpose of paying all administrative expenses incurred by the Town in this matter.

I understand that upon completion of the Town action on this request, the Town Clerk shall forward a statement of fees incurred remitting any excess from the deposit held by the Town or billing for additional fees incurred over and above the deposit.

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I hereby certify that all data required under the ordinances of the Town of Grant' pertaining to this application has been provided by the applicant and that the above application is hereby received and accepted by the Town of Grant this _____ day of _____, 19___.

Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21

CITY OF GRANT WASHINGTON COUNTY STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION DENYING APPLICATION FOR ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, at its regular council meeting on June 6, 2017, the City enacted Ordinance 2017-52, constituting a one-year moratorium against installation or construction of "solar farm" energy system facilities, in order to allow the City Staff, City Planning Commission and City Council adequate time to study and consider new and/or revised zoning regulations relating to solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2017, United States Solar Corporation and Joyce Welander (collectively "Applicants") applied to the City of Grant for a text amendment to the City's Zoning Code to permit installation and construction of "solar gardens" energy systems; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning text amendment language from Applicants is cursory in nature, and provides negligible regulation or oversight in the installation and use of solar energy systems; and

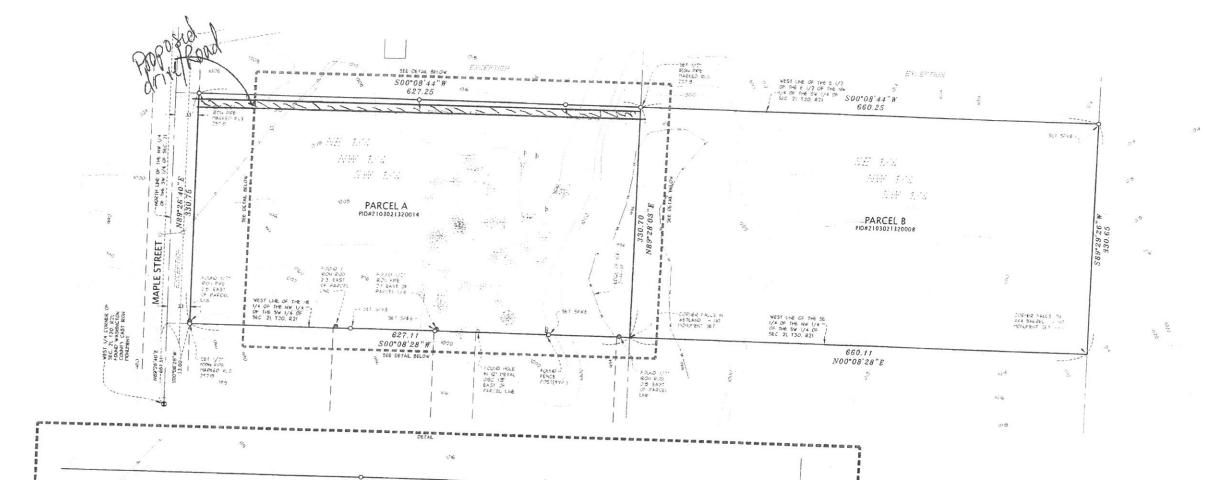
WHEREAS, in the intervening months, the City Staff, City Planning and City Council have given careful study and consideration to the issue of solar energy system regulations, including drafting of more comprehensive proposed ordinances regarding solar energy systems, and holding of a public hearing before the planning commission on July 18, 2017 to consider a proposed ordinance as developed by City Staff; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the proposed cursory text amendment as proposed by Applicants is not in the best interests of the City, and if any regulation or allowance for "solar farms" or "solar gardens" is to be considered, it will be a more complete set of regulations crafted by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANT, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Grant hereby denies the Application for a zoning text amendment regarding solar energy systems as submitted by Applicants United States Solar Corporation and Joyce Welander.

Duly adopted and passed by motion of the City	Council on November 6, 2017.
ATTEST:	Jeff Huber, Mayor
Kim Points, City Clerk	





CONTACT:

Dane Hansen 222 Duck Pass Road North Oaks, MN 55127 danechansendo@gmail.com Phone: 651-341-3769

COUNTY/CITY:

NORTH

WASHINGTON

CITY OF GRANT

REVISIONS:

02-15-17 INITIAL ISSUE

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that this plan was prepared by me, or under my direct supervision, and that I are a duty Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Date 02-15-17

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BENCHMARKS

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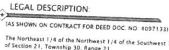
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CORNERSTONE LAND SURVEYING, INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY



The Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 30, Range 21,

and The Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21, Township 30, Range 21, Washington County, Minnesota.

EXCEPT the North 33 feet of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 30, Range 21, Washington County, Minnesota.

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EASEMENT NOTES:

WE WERE NOT PROVIDED A TITLE COMMITMENT FOR FOR US TO VERIFY THE EASEMENTS AND OR ENCUMBRANCES THAT MAY EFFECT THIS PARCEL.

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PARCEL A = 4.76 ACRES

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