

Experience and Qualifications for the Board of Adjustments

Over the past 25 years, I have been deeply involved in the building and development industry and in community leadership. These experiences have equipped me with a strong foundation to serve effectively on the Board of Adjustments.

Professional & Technical Experience

- As a general contractor, I have overseen and executed the construction of **140 houses**—ranging from small homes (~700 sq ft) to large custom homes (~7,000 sq ft)—as well as numerous additions, remodels, and multi-family buildings (including fourplexes and eightplexes). This has given me firsthand understanding of site layouts, structural constraints, building codes, permit processes, setbacks, easements, and the kinds of challenges faced in real-world construction projects.
- My experience working with developers and in property development has enabled me to engage with: land subdivision, lot planning, density, utility requirements, and infrastructure. I understand the financial, logistical, and regulatory pressures that developers and builders face.
- Because I frequently interact with municipal inspectors, planning departments, zoning ordinances, and code compliance, I am familiar with the language and intent of codes and have repeatedly navigated variance requests, zoning exceptions, and special use issues in practice.

Community Leadership & Perspective

- As a leader in ministry for over 30 years (14 years at my current location) and President of the local ministerial alliance, I have developed strong listening, mediation, and communication skills. I regularly weigh differing viewpoints, encourage respectful dialogue among diverse groups, and make decisions grounded in integrity and fairness.
- My role in the church and community gives me an intimate knowledge of neighborhood concerns, the impact of changes on residential life, and a commitment to maintain community character while supporting responsible growth.

Skills & Personal Attributes

- **Analytical and practical judgment:** I am comfortable reviewing plans, understanding technical drawings, and visualizing how proposals will function in real-world settings.
- **Regulatory literacy:** I have experience reading and applying building, zoning, and planning rules, and translating those requirements into built outcomes.
- **Conflict resolution / fairness:** In both my ministerial and construction roles, I have mediated between disputing parties, resolved disagreements, and made fair decisions under pressure.
- **Strong ethics / public trust:** I take seriously the responsibility of public service and would apply transparency, consistency, and impartiality in deliberations.
- **Commitment to learning:** I am willing to engage in training or certification to stay current on evolving zoning practices, legal precedents, and municipal standards.

Conclusion / Commitment

I believe that my combined experience in construction, development, municipal code matters, and community leadership uniquely positions me to contribute meaningfully to the Board of Adjustments. If given the opportunity, I will bring diligence, integrity, fairness, and a collaborative spirit to the role, and I look forward to helping ensure that variance or special use decisions are both technically sound and community sensitive.