

**Decorah Board of Adjustment  
City Hall Council Chambers  
February 5, 2025 at 5:15 PM**

For special accommodations or accessibility please contact Decorah City Hall prior to 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Phone number 563-382-3651.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84791609054?pwd=oEqEyIr99Yq27HZoTqVAMYhPYUTxOF.1>

Meeting ID: 847 9160 9054

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<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/m33s3pqwwdbsuaf/AADFdMhcjp5rBSBDIIQRFEI2a?dl=0>

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the December 4, 2024 Meeting
3. Steve and Brenda Finholt at 406 Hillcrest Drive is requesting permission to construct a 6' tall fence in the front yard, contrary to City Code Section 17.16.135 – Fences
4. Craig Chyle of 406 E Main Street is requesting permission to construct a principal structure with a 5' side yard setback to the West and 6' to the East, and a front setback of 13', contrary to City Code Section 17.76.040 – Bulk Regulations
5. Consider Policy Regarding Variance Notification Beyond Legal Requirements
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

***This notice is sent to you as a courtesy by the City, as you own property near, or adjacent to, one of the properties listed on the agenda which have requested variances. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the request, you are welcome to attend the meeting and express them or contact City Hall at 382-3651.***

**17.28.070 - Variances**

The board of adjustment may authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of this title as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to the special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this title would result in unnecessary hardship. A variance from the terms of this title shall not be granted by the board of adjustment unless and until the following requirements are met:

- A) A written application for a variance is submitted demonstrating:
- 1) That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district,
  - 2) That literal interpretation of the provisions of this title would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this title,
  - 3) That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant,
  - 4) That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this title to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district, and that no permitted use of land, structures or buildings in other districts shall be considered grounds for the issuance of a variance;