FORM NO. 20

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS REGARDING UNDERSIZED LOTS

The ______ Zoning Board of Adjustment as part of its by-laws and procedures recommends the attached buy-sell form letter be followed in corresponding with abutting property owners. While you are not required to use the exact wording in the enclosed form (and the form should be modified for individual applications where appropriate), it is the policy of the Zoning Board to require the buy-sell letter to contain the substance of the attached letter which should be sent by certified mail and ordinary mail at least 20 days before the first scheduled hearing date. Failure to follow this procedure, may result in an adjournment of the case until the procedure is followed or a determination by the Zoning Board of Adjustment that you have not established the necessary hardship for the granting of variances. The purpose of this form letter is to assist applicants in giving the appropriate notice in undersize lot cases.

You must be prepared at the hearing to offer into evidence a copy of this letter with the return receipt requested together with any response from the abutting property owners. In the event the response is oral only, then you are advised to write another letter to the abutting property owners setting forth the substance of the conversation (i.e.: such as any indication of an offer to purchase or sell) together with a statement in the letter that the abutting property owner may appear on the hearing date to give testimony. A copy of your responding letter by certified mail may be offered at the hearing. The Zoning Board will be concerned with how valid your attempts are to give adequate notice to the adjoining property owner.

THIS LETTER IS IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED STATUTORY NOTICE YOU MUST GIVE ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 200 FEET.

If you have any questions concerning the procedure to be followed, consult your own attorney.

_____ TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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