BOARD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
The following information is required for Small Projects in the RPA, Tree Removal in the RPA, Single Family Site Plan in the RPA, Commercial Site Plan or Subdivision development requests within the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA), Resource Protection Area (RPA) variance requests from the provisions of the CBPA Ordinance.

All application requirements and CBPA Public Hearing dates may be found at www.vbgov.com/cbpa. If assistance is needed, you may contact Planning and Community Development at (757) 385-4621.

BOARD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

☐ Water Quality Impact Assessment (WQIA). One (1) hard copy.
☐ Disclosure Statement. One (1) hard copy.
  If different, the Property Owner’s signature and Applicant’s signature or Contract Purchaser’s signature is required. Note: A copy of the purchase contract for the property may be included in lieu of the property owner’s signature if the contract clearly identifies approval of the application as a contingency of the contract.

☐ CBPA Exhibit. Eleven copies (11) for distribution to the CBPA Board members.
  CBPA exhibit requirements vary by request. Please refer to page 2 of this application for the appropriate CBPA exhibit and associated requirements applicable to the specifics of this CBPA variance request.
  ❑ Tree Removal in the RPA
  ❑ Small Project in the RPA
  ❑ Single Family Plan in the RPA
  ❑ Site Development Plan (Commercial Site Plan)
  ❑ Subdivision Construction Plan in the RPA

☐ A compact disc (CD) or flash drive with all of the above listed documents loaded in PDF format.
  A CD or flash drive is only required if the above listed documents are not uploaded to Accela Citizen Access.

☐ Board Application Fee, payable to “Treasurer, City of Virginia Beach”.
  • $450.00

DELIVERY OF APPLICATION FOR HARD COPY REQUIREMENTS
City of Virginia Beach
Department of Planning and Community Development
Municipal Center, Building 2, 1st Floor Reception Area
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

STATE and FEDERAL LAW COMPLIANCE
Please note that requests may require additional State and/or Federal Permits. The property owner, APPLICANT and/or consultant are responsible for contacting the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and/or the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the potential presence of threatened or endangered species, critical habitat, and/or jurisdictional wetlands. For information regarding permitting requirements, please contact the following.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries  (804) 367-1000 or www.dgif.virginia.gov
The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  (804) 698-4000 or www.deq.state.va.us
The Virginia Marine Resource Commission  (757) 247-2200 or www.mrc.state.va.us
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  (757) 201-7500 or www.usace.army.mil
CBPA REQUEST TYPES and EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

Tree Removal in the RPA
This variance request type is intended for individual requests for the removal of healthy trees located in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area RPA that meet the following criteria.

- Removal of approximately 7 or more healthy trees in the RPA.

This variance request is only intended for use once a Preliminary Project Request has been submitted to Staff for review and a response letter issued to the applicant.

CBPA Exhibit Requirements for a Tree Removal in the RPA variance request
The plan may be a new site plan or a current physical improvements survey signed and dated by the responsible professional. The exhibit must provide the following.

- All existing improvements currently located on the property.
- Location of trees requested for removal.
- Certified Arborist report, at the Applicant’s discretion.

Small Project in the RPA
This variance request type is intended for an individual Single Family Dwelling located in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area RPA that meet the following criteria.

- Less than 2,500 square feet of land disturbance, including construction access and staging areas.
- Approximately 300 square feet or less of proposed impervious cover in the 50 foot seaward buffer
  -or-
  Approximately 500 square feet or less of proposed impervious cover in the 50 foot landward buffer.
(Please note that the square footage criteria within both buffers is not intended to be cumulative.)

CBPA Exhibit Requirements for a Small Project in the RPA variance request
The plan may be a new site plan or a current physical improvements survey signed and dated by the responsible professional. The exhibit must provide the following.

- All existing improvements currently located on the property.
- All proposed improvements (proposed impervious cover) with dimensions.
- The total square footage of proposed improvements (proposed impervious cover).

Single Family Site Plan in the RPA
This variance request type is intended for an individual Single Family Dwelling that requires DSC review and approval that is located in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Resource Protection Area (RPA). These submittals may only contain one dwelling on one lot.

CBPA Exhibit Requirements for a Single Family Site Plan in the RPA variance request
The exhibit shall be a site plan, prepared, stamped and endorsed by a registered engineer, surveyor or other persons duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia to practice as such. The exhibit must provide the following.

- Location of the edge of the perennial waterbody, tidal wetlands, tidal shore, and/or contiguous non-tidal wetlands (RPA feature).
- Location of the 50 foot seaward and 50 foot landward portions of the buffer.
CBPA Exhibit Requirements for a Single Family Site Plan in the RPA (continued)

- Location of the top of bank (>6% slope), if present and 100 foot variable width buffer.
- Special flood hazard areas, base flood elevations and flood zone designation.
- Topographic survey per City Code, Appendix C, Section 4 (B)(4).
- All existing improvements currently located on the property.
- All proposed improvements (proposed impervious cover) with dimensions.
- The total square footage of proposed improvements (proposed impervious cover).
- Layout and dimension of all improvements.
- Limits of construction and tree protection areas.
- Trees near or within the area of construction and construction access path.
- Construction access path.
- Stockpile and staging area.
- Area of site provided in square feet, and acres.
- Area of site outside of water and tidal wetlands provided in square feet and acres.
- Area of site within Resource Protection Area provided in square feet and acres.
- Pre-development impervious cover provided in square feet and percent of site outside of water and tidal wetlands.
- Post-development impervious cover provided in square feet and percent of site outside of water and tidal wetlands.
- Area of land disturbance provided in square feet.

Site Development Plan (Commercial Site Plan)
This variance request is intended for commercial, office, industrial, multi-family (multi-family means 3 or more dwelling units on one parcel), or mixed use developments. A pre-submittal meeting with City Staff is required prior to the variance request being submitted to the CBPA Board process.

CBPA Exhibit Requirements for Site Development Plan (Commercial Site Plan) variance request
The exhibit shall be a site plan, prepared, stamped and endorsed by a registered engineer, surveyor or other persons duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia to practice as such. The exhibit must provide the same requirements listed above for CBPA Exhibit Requirements for a Single Family Site Plan in the RPA.

Subdivision Construction Plan in the RPA
This variance request type is intended for projects involving the creation of new lots, resubdivision of existing lots or the creation of public streets in the RPA. A pre-submittal meeting with City Staff is required prior to the variance request being submitted to the CBPA Board process.

CBPA Exhibit Requirements for Subdivision Plan variance request
The exhibit shall be a site plan, prepared, stamped and endorsed by a registered engineer, surveyor or other persons duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia to practice as such. The exhibit must provide the same requirements listed above for CBPA Exhibit Requirements for a Single Family Site Plan in the RPA.
### BOARD APPLICATION PROCESS

| **Preliminary Project Request (PPR)** | • Prior to submittal of an application, applicants are encouraged to meet with a Staff planner by email, phone, or in-person to discuss the application |
| **Optional** |

| **Pre-submittal Meeting** | • Prior to submittal of a Board Application, applicants may request to meet with Staff by email, phone, or in-person to discuss the application. • Applicant’s with Site Plan Development Exhibits or Subdivision Construction Plan Exhibits are required to meet with Staff prior to Board Application submittal. |
| **Required for Site Plan Development Exhibit (Commercial Site Plan) and Subdivision Construction Plan Exhibit** |

| **Board Application Submittal** | • Board Applications are due by the 5th of each month to be heard at the following month’s CBPA Board public hearing. • Board Application hard copy requirements are to be submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development. |

| **Application Review** | • Staff reviews the content of the Board Application for completeness. • Staff may contact the applicant, property owner or representative regarding the completeness or accuracy of the submitted Board Application. • Application is routed to all applicable City Departments for review and comment. |

| **Site Visit** | • Staff will visit the site to conduct a existing conditions analysis and review of the accuracy of the CBPA Exhibit submitted. • Staff will take photographs of the property to be presented to the CBPA Board at the public hearing. |

| **Public Notice** | • Notification signs must posted on the property by the applicant 15 days prior to the CBPA Public Hearing. One at the public street and one at the waters edge. • The City will mail notification letters to all adjacent property owners. • The City will advertise the request in the Virginian-Pilot Beacon twice and on the City website. |

| **CBPA Board Public Hearing** | • CBPA Board Public Hearings dates are posted at [www.vbgov.com/cbpa](http://www.vbgov.com/cbpa) • CBPA variance request is considered by the CBPA at the public hearing. • The public have the opportunity to voice their opinions during the public hearing. • The CBPA Board approves, denies or defers the application |

| **CBPA Variance Conditions** | • If a variance to the CBPA Ordinance is granted by the CBPA Board, approved conditions are emailed to the applicant, property owner or representative. • CBPA variance conditions are approved by the CBPA Board at the following month’s public hearing. |