When filing for a Special Exception, the applicant must complete the ZBA’s General Application Form as well as this specific application.

As the applicant, it is your responsibility to provide evidence that you meet each of the requirements for the type of decision you are requesting. Simply stating that the standard is met is not sufficient.

You may want to consult with an attorney or other professional as you prepare your application.

Please submit documentation regarding how your application meets each of Temple’s specific special exception standards below. Feel free to attach additional documentation.

Temple Zoning Ordinance
Section 13A (2010)
Available on the Town’s web site.

Special Exception Standards:

1) The proposed use shall be set back at least five hundred feet from any existing dwelling of another owner; provided, however, that, at the discretion of the Board of Adjustment, this distance may be reduced in any amount to a minimum of two hundred feet, but only if written permission is obtained from the abutting owners affected;

2) The proposed use shall have off street parking which will be ample to serve the proposed use; provided, however, that any such off-street parking shall, at a minimum, be set back at least fifty-five (55) feet from all lot lines.

3) The proposed use shall not adversely affect the value of adjacent property. An adverse effect on adjacent property is one which would be obnoxious or injurious or limit the use of neighborhood property by causing such problems as excessive noise, odor, smoke, refuse matter, vibration, traffic, dust, fumes, light, glare, drainage, or other conditions that are associated with the intended use but are not typical of permitted uses within the area.
4) The proposed site shall be in an appropriate location for the use. Among the factors the Board of Adjustment will consider are: lot size, topography, soils, water resources, road access and locations of driveways, condition of existing structures and other relevant characteristics such as whether the proposed use is compatible with the surrounding land uses.

5) No hazardous waste shall be permanently stored on or disposed of on the property.

6) Traffic generated by the proposed use shall not present a safety hazard to the community for either vehicles or pedestrians, nor shall it cause excessive wear and tear to town roads.

7) Appropriate buffering landscaping shall be provided within the setback areas, of a type and amount deemed appropriate by the Planning Board during Site Plan Review.

8) The Board of Adjustment shall, when appropriate, request a recommendation from the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, Road Agent and/or the Health Officer concerning the proposed use.