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PETITION FOR VARIANCE APPLICATION

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Amount Paid	\$50.00	

Name of Owner	Project Description	Agent, architect, or engineering firm
Anup and Jagruti Gandhi	Include a magnetic locking system	J&K Security Systems
Company (if applies)	on exterior doors and bedroom egress window	No. & Street 1605 S. Park St.
No. & Street 526 Stone Arbor Trail	Tenant name (if any) Aaryman Gandhi	City, State, Zip Code Madison, WI 53715
City, State, Zip Code Verona, Wisconsin 53593	Building Address Same as above	Phone 608-577-5799
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The rule being petitioned reads as follows: (Cite the specific rule number and language. Also, indicate the nonconforming conditions for your project.)
 SPS 321.03(7)(b) All exit doors shall be openable from the interior without the use of a key.

Exit doors will be only openable by use of a key fob, which disenages a magnetic locking system. See attached documents for more complete explanation of variance requested.

2. The rule being petitioned cannot be entirely satisfied because:

The individual residing in the home is a young man with autism. Due to his disability, he does not have an acute sense of safety.

He will attempt to leave his home without support staff. When doing so, he is at high risk of harming himself. See attached documents for more complete explanation of the associated safety risks.

3. The following alternatives and supporting information are proposed as a means of providing an equivalent degree of health, safety, and welfare as addressed by the rule:

The home will be equipped with a magnetic locking system on all exterior doors--front door, door to the garage, and patio door.

Additionally, one window in the bedroom will be equipped with a magnetic lock. All locks are hardwired into a system, which automatically disengages when there is a loss of power. The system is also attached to hardwired smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and the system will automatically disengage when alarms engage. The system is controlled by a key fob controller, which includes one button to engage and one button to disengage the system. The fobs require sustained holding of a button to ensure they are not accidentally engaged or disengaged. The individual being supported will always have awake staff present within the home. The locks will never be engaged if the individual is in the home without support staff also present.

See attached document for more complete explanation of support and safety assurances in place.

This variance dissolves when the person residing there moves, and the owner is responsible to remove all equipment at that time. Note: Please attach any pictures, plans, or required position statements.

VERIFICATION BY OWNER – PETITION IS VALID ONLY IF NOTARIZED AND ACCOMPANIED BY A REVIEW FEE AND ANY REQUIRED POSITION STATEMENTS.

Note: Petitioner must be the owner of the building. Tenants, agents, contractors, attorneys, etc. may not sign the petition unless a Power of Attorney is submitted with the Petition for Variance Application.

ANUP S. GAN DHI , being duly sworn, I state as petitioner that I have read the foregoing			
Print name of owner			
petition, that I believe it to be true, and I have significant ownership rights in the subject building or project.			
Signature of owner	Subscribed and sworn to before me this date:		
Notary public	My commission expires:		

NOTE: ONLY VARIANCES FOR COMMERCIAL CODES ARE REQUIRED TO BE NOTARIZED.

Additional Information Regarding the Variance Application for 526 Stone Arbor Trail

Primary Contacts:

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Background Information:

Aaryman Gandhi is a 19-year-old man with autism who has resided in Middleton with his parents and sibling for the duration of his life. He is transitioning to live in his own home—owned by his parents—with residential support from Options in Community Living.

Aary is very intelligent and determined; he is also non-verbal and uses alternative ways to communicate. Aary also exhibits OCD-Like tendencies and can become very fixed on specific locations. Aary has several allergies, including environmental, medications and food, and he can be very determined in seeking foods he is allergic to.

Aary has long been a flight risk. He can be very opportunistic and look for times to run away from parents and support staff. For years, Aary has worn a tracking device; he currently wears two, as he has been able to successfully remove them. There have been numerous instances of Aary running away and parents or staff being unaware or unable to follow, as he is also very quick. One instance happened in the winter when he was missing for over an hour and a half and was eventually found multiple miles from the family's home—at their previous residence. Another instance, Aary was able to leave a home where he was attending overnight respite. Aary was missing for over six hours. He was eventually located in a local hospital; he had ingested food he is allergic to upon entering an unlocked house a mile and a half from the respite home. The homeowners called the police for an intruder. Thankfully police were able to recognize Aary was a person with a disability; though they had no idea of his name.

Request and Safeguards:

Aary will reside in his home, where he will be supported by staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week, when not attending school. Initially Aary will always have two staff with him. Regardless of this level of support, Aary has still been able to successfully run away. Therefore, his support team would like to equip his home with a magnetic locking system on the three exterior doors. One window in his bedroom will also be equipped with a casing that includes a magnetic lock. Whenever Aary is home, these locks will be engaged. Staff are required to always be in the residence with him. They may not ever leave the premises with him alone inside while the locks are engaged. The magnetic locks are all hard wired to the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors within the home. The system requires an electrical current to stay engaged; therefore, if there is a power outage or if the electrical current is disrupted by the smoke or carbon monoxide detector going off, the locks automatically disengage. The locks are controlled by a key fob, like those for car doors. One button engages and the other disengages. There are four fobs for the system. Each staff will carry one, one will be placed in a lock box on the exterior of the house, and the fourth will be kept by residential agency supervisors. There will also be an override button in the garage, which will allow someone to enter through that door without having a key fob.

Staff will be thoroughly trained on the system, and the system is checked annually for proper functioning. All batteries in fobs will be replaced annually. The system will be professionally installed by J&K Security Systems, who have a long history of installing similar systems in commercial and group home settings. The equipment will be removed when Aary no longer resides in this location. While other support strategies have been considered, this is the safest and least restrictive method given Aary's unique circumstances.

RE: Variance forms

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Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 11:08 AM CDT

Hey Anup- I have attached the updated application and Additional Info sheet. Please print these out. You need to sign the application; it does NOT need to be notarized. Unfortunately, I think you will need to schedule an appointment and hand deliver these to the building permitting department at the city building on MLK. You can schedule online here: https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/bi/building-plan-review-counter-appointment-/3424/ When you go in, note that I have been in contact with the building inspection supervisor, Kyle Bunnow, and he is awark of this application and that it is already schedule for May 18th review. You will pay the \$300 application cost then. I believe that is all you have to do. They will send us a Zoom link after this has been submitted. Yes, if you sell the house, we will have to have J&K uninstall the equipment. Thanks!

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