### VARIANCE FEES

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## PETITION FOR VARIANCE APPLICATION

City of Madison Building Inspection 215 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Suite 017 Madison, WI 53703 (608) 266-4551, ext. 2 biplans@cityofmadison.com

Name of Owner	Project Description	Agent, architect, or engineering firm				
Andrew Crone	Building of owner occupied additional	Fisher Builders LLC				
Company (if applies)	dwelling unit in residential neighborhood.	No. & Street P.O. Box 371				
No. & Street 4218 Saint Clair Street	Tenant name (if any)	City, State, Zip Code Marshall, WI 53559				
City, State, Zip Code Madison, WI 53711	Building Address 4216 Saint Clair Street	Phone (414) 418-7334				
Phone (262) 312-8466		Name of Contact Person Ben Fisher				
e-mail acrone28@gmail.com		e-mail fisherbuildersllc@gmail.com				

 The rule being petitioned reads as follows: (Cite the specific rule number and language. Also, indicate the nonconforming conditions for your project.)

SPS 321.04(2)(d)1. Stairways shall be provided with a minimum headroom clearance of 76 inches measured vertically from a line parallel to the nosing of the treads to the ceiling, soffit or any overhead obstruction directly above that line. Existing conditions exceed 76 in requirement at the center of loft entrance, but are below 76 inch requirement at the outer edges of loft entrance due to vaulted ceiling.

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

Existing conditions were approved in both the building plan design phase and framing inspection phase. Adjusting framing at this point in the build process would entail undue financial burden on property owner. Additional information is provided.

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:

A corner guard of a contrasting color than the wall paint color will be added to the corner entrance to the loft. This will bring additional attention to the entrance ensuring residents see the clearly marked headspace and proceed with caution. Additional information is provided.

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.

drew Crone Print name of owner

\_, being duly sworn, I state as petitioner that I have read the foregoing

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.

# Petition for variance application supplemental information

### 1. Building plan designs, including truss plans, were approved by the City of Madison

The attached building plans designs were approved by the City of Madison. Building plans specifically show the headspace into the loft being measured from the center of the entrance and vaulted ceiling. The plans include the truss outline. It was assumed that because these plans were approved, meeting the 76" headspace requirement at the center of the loft entrance was sufficient to satisfy the code.





Truss plans were also requested, reviewed, approved by the City of Madison. The attached truss plans clearly show the scissor trust right next to the attic truss at the entrance of the loft. The combination of plan designs being approved and truss plans being approved, gave the impression that the headspace code was met.



Additionally, plan designs were submitted multiple times. With every submission, the city required alterations or additional information and documentation. Given the extensiveness of plan review by the city, it was reasonably assumed that the building could be built per the specifications of the plan design.

### 2. Building passed framing inspection

The additional dwelling unit (ADU) passed the framing inspection. The stairs and roof trusses were present during the inspection. The only finishes that were added between the framing inspection and final inspection in that area of the ADU was ½ inch of drywall on the ceiling and LVP flooring. If the framing of the roof truss and stairs was not to code during the framing inspection, it should have been addressed then, when changes would not have had as much of a time delay and financial burden. Passing the framing inspection led us to believe that the framing was up to code.

### 3. The area that does not meet code is very small and does not carry into the loft



The loft itself has ample headspace. The entire staircase has ample headspace until the very last step. There is a 1-2 inch overlap between the nose of the tread leading into the loft and lower vaulted ceiling. The area not to code is a fraction of the last step of the staircase. The ceiling headspace requirement is up to code as soon as you step into the loft.

# 4. Adjusting framing at this stage in build would cause undue delays and financial hardship on residential property owner

I am not a commercial real estate developer building some massive apartment building with enough cash reserves to cover repeated delays and added costs of adjusting the framing at this stage in the build. I'm a Madison resident who lives on the property. Every added cost this far into the build process is a significant financial burden to our family.

### 5. Madison housing shortage

It is no secret that Madison has a housing shortage. Laws around ADUs have continued to get more liberal to try to address the housing shortage.

The article, <u>Common Council votes to approve more housing options for residents</u> states, "The goal of the change is to allow for modest increases in housing density while creating more housing options to address the "missing middle" in Madison – the gap in housing options between single-family homes and large apartment buildings."

And "The number of Accessory Dwelling Units currently in the City of Madison is not high – a total of 32 have been built or are under construction since 2012 – but these changes are another piece of the puzzle in creating more housing options in the City of Madison."

If the City of Madison sets the precedent that they can approve plans at every stage of the process (plan design, framing, etc.) and then require significant changes to previously approved aspects of the build, building an ADU will be too much of a financial risk for most homeowners. This uncertainty will discourage Madison homeowners from pursuing an ADU, and there will be little to no marginal improvement to the housing shortage in Madison as a result.

### 6. Proposed alternative meets or exceeds code requirement

The proposed alternative to add a corner guard of a contrasting color provides an equivalent level of safety as intended by the code. Additionally, this is a specific example provided by the City of Madison on their <u>Building Code Variance webpage</u> (pictured below) on how you will provide an equivalency to the code.

3. State how you will provide an equivalency to the code. These items should relate to the item for which you're applying for a variance. The items must exceed code requirements.

Examples:

- Adding hardwired, interconnected smoke detectors on all floor levels.
- Painting areas of low headroom a contrasting color

Finally, the building code section on final inspections and occupancy states the following:

### <u>SPS 320.10(3)(h)</u>(h) Final inspection.

1. Except as provided under subd. 2., the dwelling may not be occupied until a final inspection has been made that finds no critical violations of this code that could reasonably be expected to affect the health or safety of a person using the dwelling.

With the proposed alternative of adding contrasting color corner guards to the entrance of the loft, the loft entrance headspace cannot be "reasonably expected to affect the health or safety of a person using the dwelling."



# **Existing conditions**





# Existing conditions with measurements





# Existing conditions alternate angle

# Existing conditions from below



# **Proposed alternative**

Black corner guard/identifie



FRONT ELEVATION SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



# RIGHT ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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# **Building Plan Designs Approved by City of M**



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LEFT ELEVA SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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## Wall Bracing Compliance Worksheet

Complete this worksheet or provide equivalent information on the plans submitted with the permit application. Sketch and dimension the building plan and the wall bracing rectangle(s) per 321,25(8)(c) 1, and Figure 321,25-B. Provide and label additional sketches if the building plan/rectangles change at different floor levels

Rectangle

Indicate applicable Wall Bracing Method for each level (see Table 321.25-G), each labeled rectangle if more than one [see 32].25(8)(c)], and amount of bracing (\* of braced panels or length of braced wall required) per the respective table (provide additional worksheets for additional rectangles as needed):

Rectangle: A Wall Ht = 9	B' Eave to	Ridge Ht = 9'	-6" Max Openi	ng Ht = 6'-8"	Wind Exp =	в	
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Roof and ceiling only			32'-0"	16'-0"			
One floor, roof and ceiling							
Two floors, roof and ceiling							

Rectangle: B Wall Ht = 8' Eave to Ridge Ht = 9'-6" Max Opening Ht = 5'-0" Wind Exp = B

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PF Method: For Intermittent bracing, per Table 321.25-1 footnote 'h', each PF panel (16-24" Wide per Figure 321.25-A) counts as YI of a braced wall panel when determining compliance with Table 321.25-1. For Continuously Sheathed bracing, the actual length of each PF panel (16-24"wide per Figure 321.25-A) in feet counts toward the required total length of bracing required. For intermittent or when evaluating panel spacing per Fig. 321.25-C.

> CS-₩SP° CONTINUOUS SHEATHED WPS

4'-0" STRUCTURAL SHEATHING Minimum 7/16" wood structural panel sheathing with 6d common nail or 8d box nail (2-1/2" long x ,113 diameter or 7/16" crown 16 gage staples 1-1/4" long

GENERAL STRUCTURAL NOTES Double top plates are required over all stude and headers. The end joint offset between the two top plates shall be at least 2 stud spaces. Joints in the top plates shall be installed only over studs. The two top plates shall be nailed together with a minimum of (3) 12d x 3" nails or (2) 16d x 3-1/4" nails."

Bottom wall plates shall be fastened to the floor system with a minimum of (2) 12d  $\times$  3" nails through the bottom plate into the floor joist below."

G.C. TO VERIFY AND APPROVE SHEATHING SCHEDULE PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION

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"Continuous sheathing shall be applied to all surfaces of the wall, including areas between brace panels and above and below wall openings.

### Table 321.25-H MINIMUM WIDTHS OF METHOD CS-WSP AND CS-SFB BRACED WALL PANELS Maximum Opening Height Adjacent Minimum Longth of Brasad Wall Panel (inches)

to Braced Wall Panel	Minimum Length of Braced Wall Panel (inches)							
	8' Tall Wall	9' Tall Wall	10' Tall Wall	12' Tall Wall				
Up to 5'-4"	24	27	30	36				
Up to 6'- 8"	32	30	30	36				
Up to 8'	48	41	38	36				
Up to 9'		54	46	41				
Up to 10"	- 62		60	48				
Up to 12'		5.55	1000	72				

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IST FLOOR PLAN SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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	Table 321.25–J
REQUIRED LENGT	TH OF CONTINUOUS BRACING ON EXTERIOR WALLS ACH RECTANGLE SIDE AT EACH FLOOR LEVEL <sup>a,b,c,d,e</sup>
	Required Length (feet) of Bracing on Any Side of Rectangle

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Wall Supporting: <sup>6</sup>		Length of perpendicular side (feet) <sup>e</sup>										
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roof and ceiling	5.0	9.5	13.5	17.5	21.5	25.5	29.2	33.4				
Roof and eiling only	2.6	4.6	6.5	7.8	9.8	11.7	13.7	15.7				
ne floor, roof and ceiling	4.0	7.5	10.4	13.8	16.7	19.6	22.9	26.2				
Two floors, roof and ceiling	5.5	10.5	14.9	19.3	23.7	27.5	32.1	36.7				
Roof and eiling only	2.9	5.2	7.3	8.8	11.1	13.2	15.4	17.6				
ne floor, roof and ceiling	4.5	8.5	11.8	15.6	18.9	22.1	25.8	29.5				
Two floors, roof and ceiling	6,2	11.9	16.8	21.8	27.3	31.1	36.3	41.5				

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CENTER OF THE TRUSS CHORD EDGE WITH THE THREADS FULLY ENGAGED IN THE TRUSS CHORDS.

FOR MORE COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS SEE GUIDE IT SITE PACK



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# ROOF TRUSS LAYOUT

# **Roof Truss Layout Approved by City of Madison**



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