

City of  
Madison



Department of Planning & Development  
Inspection Unit

December 23, 1999

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CHERYL ROBINSON  
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RE: Petition Number M-12-95-99  
1821 Jenifer Street

Dear Ms. Robinson:

Your variance to Section 29.19 of the Madison General Ordinances has been reviewed.

The rule requires through the adoption of ILHR 21.04 that the stair width be 36 inches, headroom 6'4" and that stairs have a maximum rise of 8 inches and a minimum tread of 9 inches. The variance requested is to allow stair width of 33 inches and headroom of 6'8". In addition, the treads are 8 inches rather than 9 inches.

Considered were your statements:

1. The stairway width cannot be easily changed.
2. Hardwired interconnected smoke detectors will be provided.

The following comments/observations were made in review:

1. This is a non Fire Department issue.
2. The Building Inspection Department supports the variance.
3. In reviewing previous action of the Board of Building Code, Fire Code and Licensing Appeals, we find precedence has been set at least five times in the past: 1826 Packers Avenue, 1717 Winchester Street, 3518 Wyota Avenue, 1801 Rowley Avenue and 305 West Sunset Court.

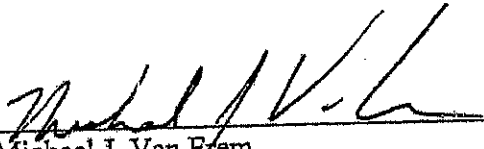
RECOMMENDATION:      CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

The conditions of approval are:

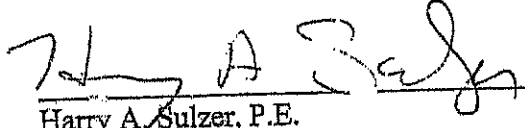
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1. Provide hardwired interconnected smoke detectors on all levels.
2. Provide/maintain handrails on both sides of the stairway.
3. Remove the cabinets at the landing so the width is 33 inches.

Prepared by:

  
Michael J. Van Eem  
Code Enforcement Officer IV

Reviewed by:

  
Harry A. Sulzer, P.E.  
Plan Review/Inspection Unit Supervisor

Department Action:            **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

This approval is granted with the understanding that all of the petitioner's statements and any conditions of approval cited above will be carried out.

Should the petitioner disagree with the department action or the Conditions of Approval, they must submit a request for a hearing within 30 days of the date of this letter. A request for hearing should be sent to the address shown on this letterhead, Attention: Building Inspection Unit, c/o Harry A. Sulzer. The request for hearing should state the reasons for objecting to the department's decision, because a request for hearing may be denied if it does not present a significant question in fact, law or policy.

cc: Board of Building Code, Fire Code and Licensing Appeals  
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