

VARIANCE FEES

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PETITION FOR VARIANCE APPLICATION

City of Madison Building
Inspection Division
215 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Suite 017 Madison, WI 53703
(608) 266-4568

Amount Paid \$50

Name of Owner Sharon Genthe	Project Description Include a magnetic locking system on exterior doors and bedroom egress window.	Agent, architect, or engineering firm Community TIES
Company (if applies)		No. & Street 122 E. Olin Ave., Suite 255
No. & Street 92 Oak Creek Trail	Tenant name (if any) Divine Haven LLC	City, State, Zip Code Madison, WI 53711
City, State, Zip Code Madison, WI 53717	Building Address 1103 S. Thomposon Dr.	Phone 608-265-9428
Phone (608) 575-2090		Name of Contact Person Axel Junker
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1. 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 door shall be openable fom the interior without the use of a key

Exit doors will be openable by use of a key fob, which disengages a magnetic locking system.

See attached document for a more detailed explanation.

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

The individual residing at the home is a young woman with an intellectual disability and mental illness. Due to her disability she does not have an acute sense of safety. She will attempt to elope without support staff. When doing so, she is at high risk of getting harmed.

See attached document for a more detailed explanation.

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 and the door to the garage. In addition one window in the bedroom will be equipped with magnetic locks. All locks are hardwired into a system, which automatically disengages when there is a loss of power. The system is attached to hardwired smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and the system will automatically disengage when alarms are activated. 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 staff present within the home. Exterior 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 at the home moves, and the owner is responsible for removing all equipment at the time.

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.

SHARON GENTHE, 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

Notary public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this date: 10/10/2022

My commission expires: 12/27/2022

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

Additional Information Regarding the Variance Application for 1103 S. Thompson Dr.

10/07/2022

Primary Contacts:

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Background Information:

The above variance and modifications are requested to support an individual with intellectual disabilities and mental illness who is protectively placed to Dane County. She receives long-term care services through Progressive Community Services, an IRIS Consultant Agency <https://pcsdane.org/>

Divine Heaven hopes to provide 24/7 residential support and supervision at the 1103 S. Thompson location as soon as the required building code variance has been approved and all required work has been completed according to specifications.

The young woman seeking services has - when dysregulated – has engaged in aggressive, self-injurious and destructive behavior and has eloped from previous placements many times. Past elopements have resulted in multiple 911 calls and involuntary hospitalizations/short term institutionalizations. The young woman does not have a good sense of safety and is quite vulnerable.

Request and Safeguards:

Supported staff will be present at the home 24 hours a day, seven days a week, when not attending community activities with the resident. This applicant hopes to get approval for the home's magnetic locking system that controls interior and exterior doors, preventing unsafe elopement, but also providing care givers with a designated safe area within the home in case of prolonged aggressive behavior. One window in her bedroom will also be equipped with a casing that includes a magnetic lock. Whenever the young woman is at home, exterior locks will be engaged. Staff are required to always be in the residence with her. They may not ever leave the premises with her 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 several fobs for the system. Staff will carry one, one will be placed in a Madison Fire department approved Knox box on the exterior of the house, and another one will be kept by residential agency supervisors/on-call staff. Caregivers are also able to enter the home through the home's garage or through a third exterior door leading to a bedroom designated as a staff room.

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 equipment will be removed when the resident no longer resides in this location. While other support strategies have been considered, this is the safest and least restrictive method given the individual's unique circumstances.