

## **CITY OF MADISON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

## VARIANCE APPLICATION

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Address of Subject Property: 109 E Gorham Street, Madison WI, 53703				
Name of Owner: Eric Helt, Chris Heck				
Address of Owner (if different than above): PO Box 462, Waunakee WI, 53597				
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Name of Applicant (Owner's Representative): Eric Helt, Chris Heck				
Address of Applicant: 1006 North Division Street, Waunakee WI, 53597				
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Description of Requested Variance:				
We are requesting a variance to the zoning 5 foot minimun sideyard setback for a porch rennovation at 109 E Gorham Street. With the existing stairwell in place today, there is less than one foot from the sideyard lot line. Our proposed porch rennovation calls for a stairwell				
to be installed at 2 feet from the sideyard lot line (an improvement of one foot of the existing). We are requesting this variance because				
there are no other options to build a stairwell to code while incorporating historical components of the existing building.				
See reverse side for more instructions				
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Amount Paid: \$500.60 Hearing Date: 5-18-23				
Receipt: $128644-0001$ Published Date: $5-11-23$ Appeal Number: $420-2023-0008$				
Received By: NJK GQ:				
Parcel Number: 0709 144 06/07 Code Section(s): 28.078 (2)				
Zoning District: DR-1, HIS-MH				
Alder District: 2- BENNETT				

## **Standards for Variance**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will only grant a variance if it finds that your proposal meets the following standards. Please explain how your variance request meets these standards.

1. There are conditions unique to the property of the applicant that do not apply generally to other			
properties in the district.			
This is a unique situation due to the existing placement of the current stairwell and landing configuration. Our plan is to keep as much of			
the existing structure as possible, while bringing up the necessary components to current building code. The second floor landing is on			
the far left side of the house and the third floor landing is on the far right. In order to build a stairwell to code, your only option is to have			
stairs going from right to left initially (pushing into the side yard) and then up to the third floor from the left to right. Given the pitch and			
height of the building, these spans of stair, relative to the landings, push the structure into the sideyard.  2. The variance is not contrary to the spirit, purpose, and intent of the regulations in the zoning district and is not contrary to the public interest.			
The proposed porch/stairwell plans remove the egress from the sideyard encroachment and places it directly in the center of our property. No longer will residents be treking a foot from the neighbording property, but rather directly from our backyard.			
3. For an area (setbacks, etc.) variance, compliance with the strict letter of the ordinance would unreasonably prevent use of the property for a permitted purpose or would render compliance with the			
ordinance unnecessarily burdensome.			
Due to the current structural load bearing components (deck posts, landing placements, and exisiting integrated interior structural components) and the placement of the existing porch landings, it is not possible to rebuild the proposed stair configuration without using 3 feet of the sideyard setback. Our plan also relies on existing vertical structural posts that are integrated into the interior of the building and support a major roofline on the south side of the building. If these were to be removed, it would require major reconstruction of the entire backside of the building.			
4. The alleged difficulty or hardship is created by the terms of the ordinance rather than by a person who has a present interest in the property.			
See answers #1 and #3 which create the alleged difficulty and hardship.			
5. The proposed variance shall not create substantial detriment to adjacent property.			
We are not creating detriment to the adjacent property as we are improving the sideyard setback, as well as moving the egress from the sideyard to the central location of the building. The new entrance to the stairway will be directly from the back of 109 F. Gorham Street, not the sideyard. This in turn will eliminate foot traffic on the neighbors property.			
6. The proposed variance shall be compatible with the character of the immediate neighborhood.			
It is our intent to maintain as much of the character and existing structure as possible, per our responses above. The variance would improve the existing sideyward setback and the structure will mimic those in the area.			

## **Application Requirements**

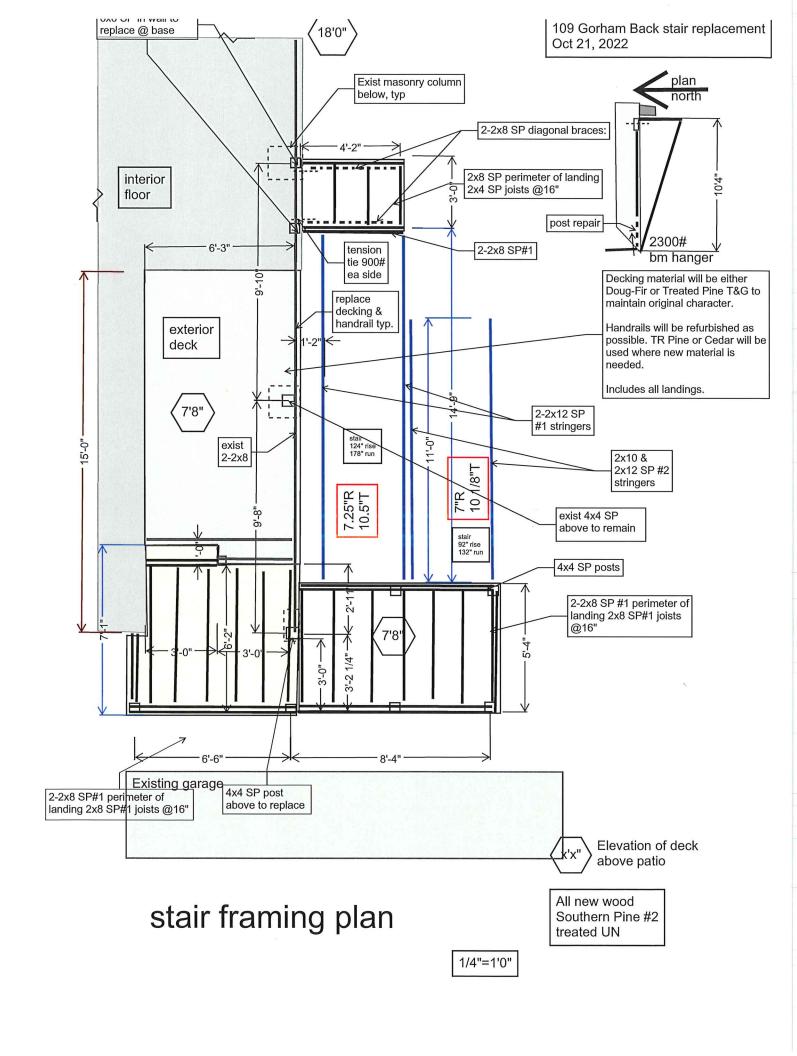
The Zoning Board of Appeals may refer or deny applicants with incomplete applications. Note, the maximum printed size for drawings is 11" x 17." Please provide the following information:

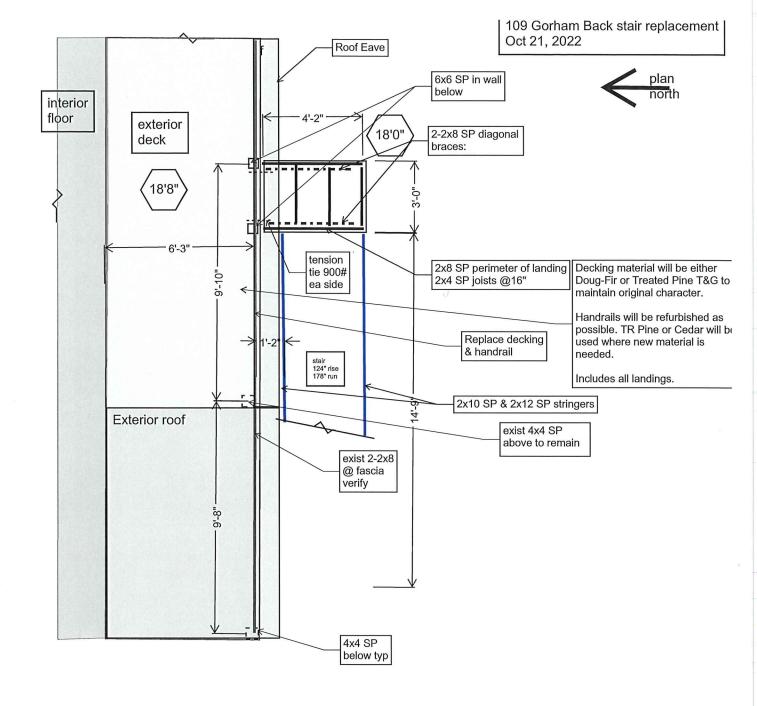
X	<b>Pre-application meeting with staff.</b> Before you submit this application, meet with the Zoning Administrator. Together, you will discuss your proposed project and submission material. Contact Zoning at least one week prior to the application submission deadline to schedule the meeting. Your application will not be accepted unless a pre-application meeting has been held.
团	Site plan, drawn to scale. We recommend a registered survey, but it is not required. On the plan, show the following:  □ Lot lines. □ Existing and proposed structures. Include dimensions and setback distances to all property lines. □ Approximate location of structures on properties next to variance. □ Major landscape elements, fencing, retaining walls or other relevant site features. □ Scale (1" = 20' or 1' = 30' preferred). □ North arrow.
	<b>Elevations</b> from all directions showing existing and proposed. Show the existing structure and proposed addition(s).
	<b>Interior floor plan of existing and proposed structure,</b> if required. Most additions and expansions will require floor plans.
	<b>Front yard variance requests.</b> Show the front yard setback of all other properties on the same block face.
	<b>Lakefront setback variance requests.</b> Provide a survey prepared by a registered land surveyor. The survey must show existing setbacks of buildings on adjacent lots.
	Variance requests involving slope, grade, or trees. Show:  Approximate location and amount of slope.  Direction of drainage.  Location, species and size of trees.
[X]	Email digital copies of all plans and drawings to: zoning@cityofmadison.com.
X	Pay \$500 filing fee on or before submission deadline. Payment may be made in person by appointment at the Zoning counter, by mail to City of Madison Building Inspection, P. O. Box 2984, Madison WI 53701-2984, or placed in the drop box at the Doty Street entrance to the Madison Municipal Building 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. When mailing or using the drop box, please include a note that payment is for a variance application, state the subject property address and provide your contact information.
X	<b>CHECK HERE.</b> I understand that as part of my variance request, City of Madison staff will need access to my property. Staff will take photographs and do a pre-hearing inspection of the property. I give City Staff permission to enter my property, inspect the property, and take photographs.
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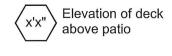
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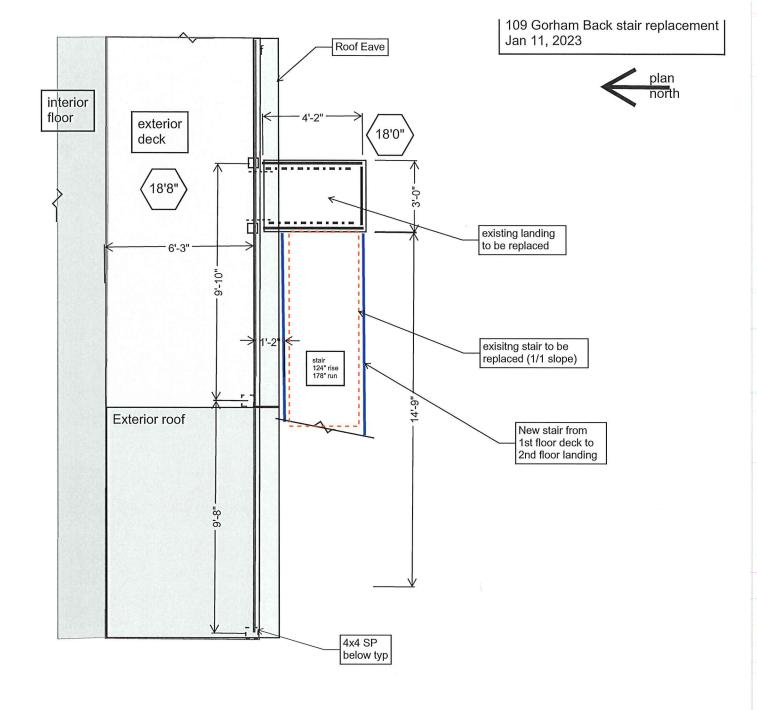




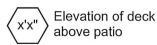


Upper level plan

All new wood Southern Pine #2 treated UN

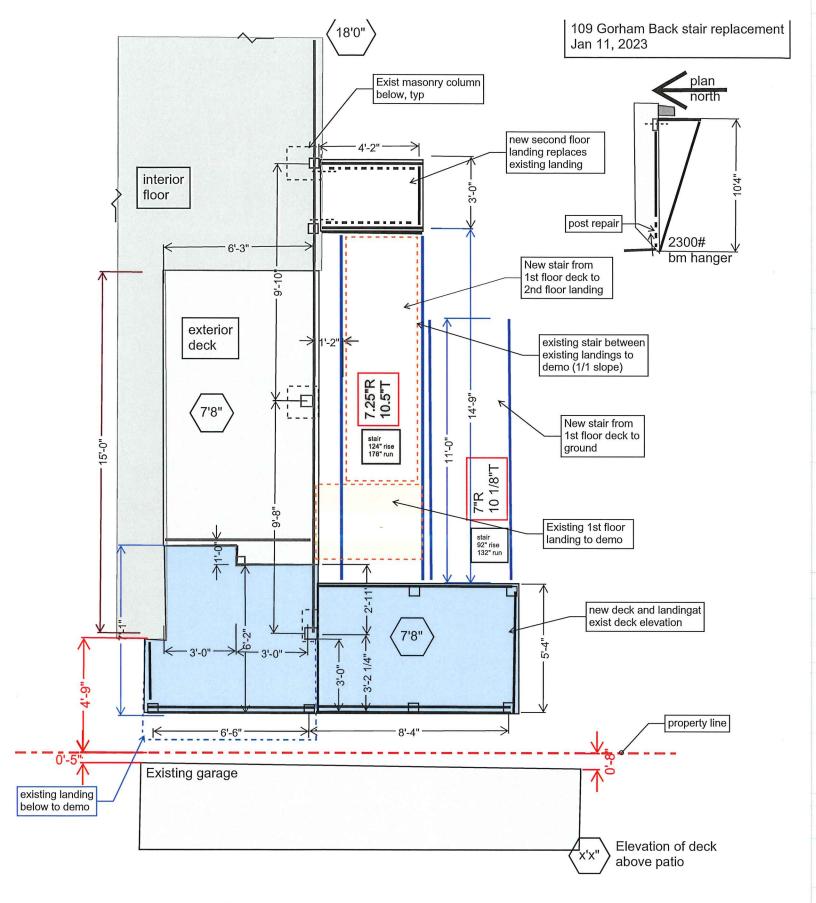






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1/4"=1'0"



1st floor/stair plan

