

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING CODE VARIANCE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

City of Madison Building Inspection 215 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Suite 017 Madison, WI 53703

Project Address: 2219 Monroe Street, Madison, WI 53713	Date: 04.29.25			
Project Description: Fully sprinkler sub-basement and breezeway of Edgewood High School				
Owner Name: Kevin Rea	Phone: 608-257-1023			
Owner Email: kevin.rea@edghewoodhs.org				

Agent, architect, or engineering firm: J.F. Ahern Co.	
Contact person: Brendan Buckley	Phone: 608.690.0055
Contact email: bbuckley@jfahern.com	
Address: 3821 Anderson Road, DeForest, WI 53532	

ATTACHMENTS: The following materials are required as part of this application

- A statement of the non-conforming conditions and proposed equivalencies include:
 - o code section(s) that are being petitioned
 - o specific condition or issue you are requesting be covered under this petition for variance
 - o proposed means and rationale of providing equivalent degree of health, safety, or welfare as addressed by the code section petitioned.
- Fire department position statement
- Floor plan clearly identifying affected area or non-compliance
- Optional attachments: Any additional attachments to be considered as part of the petitioner's statements (i.e., model
 code sections, test reports, research articles, expert opinion, previously approved variances, pictures, plans, sketches,
 etc.).

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.

Statement of Non-Conforming Conditions and Proposed Equivalencies

Code Section(s) Petitioned: IBC 903.1, 903.2.3 Group E.

Specific Condition or Issue: Request for variance to not install fire sprinklers above a swimming pool.

Proposed Means and Rationale:

Condition: The specific condition involves the absence of fire sprinklers above the swimming pool area within the pool room, while ensuring that the surrounding areas above the pool deck will still be protected by sprinklers.

Rationale: The rationale for this request is based on the following points:

- **1. Water-Filled Pool:** The floor space occupied by the pool is filled with water, which inherently prevents the initiation of a fire in this area.
- **2. Non-Combustible Construction:** The pool room and deck are constructed using non-combustible materials, further reducing the risk of fire spread.
- **3. Sprinkler Coverage:** The area above the pool deck will still be protected by sprinklers, ensuring comprehensive fire safety for the surrounding areas.

Equivalent Degree of Health, Safety, or Welfare: The proposed variance provides an equivalent degree of health, safety, and welfare through the following measures:

- **1. Fire Prevention:** The presence of water in the pool acts as a natural fire suppressant, ensuring that no fire can start or propagate in the pool area.
- 2. Non-Combustible Materials: The use of non-combustible construction materials in the pool room and deck minimizes the risk of fire spread, maintaining the safety standards intended by the code.
- **3. Maintained Sprinkler Coverage:** By maintaining sprinkler coverage above the pool deck, the facility ensures that all other areas are adequately protected, aligning with the safety objectives of NFPA 13 and the IBC.

City of Madison Fire Department Position Statement

Owner: Edgewood High School Kevin Rea	Project Name: Edgewood High School	Contact: JF Ahern Company Brendan Buckley	
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Owner Phone: 608-257-1023 Owner Email: kevin.rea@edgewoodhs.org	Building Occupancy or Use: E	Phone: 608-690-0055 Email: bbuckley@jfahern.com	
Rule Being Petitioned: IBC 9	03.1, 903.2.3	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

I have read the a	pplication for variance and	recommend:	(check appropriate box)
☐ Approval	X Conditional Approval	□ Denial	□ No Comment

- MFD concurs that removal of fire sprinklers located directly above the pool will not negatively impact the life safety features of the building nor pose a significant risk to occupants.
- The pool and diving well shall be limited to swimming activities only and any future modifications such as installing a temporary floor or filling the pool would trigger the installation of fire sprinklers in these areas.
- Fire sprinkler coverage shall be provided for all pool deck areas.

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Name of Fire Chief or Designee (type or print) Matt Hamilton — Fire Protection Engineer	
City of Madison Fire Department	Telephone Number 608-266-4457
Signature of Fire Chief or Designee	Date Signed 6-3-2025

