



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BUILDING CODE, FIRE CODE, CONVEYANCE CODE AND LICENSING APPEALS BOARD

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Tuesday, January 20, 2015

12:15 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Glueck at 12:15 PM.

**Staff:** Harry Sulzer and Ed Ruckriegel

**Present:** 8 - John P. Starkweather; James I. Glueck; Richard J. Link; Robert B. Corey;  
Sam J. Breidenbach; Rick W. Hext; Craig E. Brown and Randall V. Baldwin

**Excused:** 1 - Louis J. Olson

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Link, seconded by Brown, to Approve the Minutes of December 16, 2014. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Hext recused himself from Item 1 - 316 W. Washington Avenue.  
Corey recused himself from Item 1 - 316 W. Washington Avenue.

### PETITIONS FOR VARIANCE

1. [36882](#) 316 W. Washington Avenue (C-01-01-15)  
Ray White of Dimension IV Madison, LLC appealing IBC 1023.5. The rule does not allow elevators to open into an exit passageway. The Variance is to allow an additional elevator shaft door in Stair 8. The Madison Fire Department supports the Variance with the additional means of safety provided.

**Attachments:** [316 W Washington Ave.pdf](#)

Ray White of Dimension IV Madison, LLC appealing IBC 1023.5. The rule does not allow elevators to open into an exit passageway. The Variance is to allow an additional elevator shaft door in Stair 8. The Madison Fire Department supports the Variance with the additional means of safety as noted below:

\* The current condition has exiting from Stair 3 over to Stair 8 via a corridor

on the First Floor.

- \* The proposed condition will have exiting from Stair 3 over to Stair 8 via an exit passageway on the lower level.
- \* The elevator currently opens directly within Stair 8.
- \* The building is in the process of upgrading the building fire alarm system and extending the fire sprinkler system.
- \* The applicant proposes adding a smoke guard system to all elevator doors of Elevator #5.
- \* Elevator #5 will be provided with hoistway venting.
- \* Exiting is enhanced by traveling through a rated exit passageway as opposed to the current unrated corridor.
- \* A fire command center shall be established on the first floor level near the W. Washington Avenue entrance. Fire command center features shall be added as portions are added, replaced, or altered.
- \* The building fire alarm system shall function as one system with notification of a fire condition throughout the building.

A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Breidenbach, to Approve the Variance, with Hext and Corey abstaining. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [36883](#)

800 N. Block East Washington Avenue (M-01-02-2015)  
Chris Gosch of Bark Design appealing IBC 602.2. The rule requires that Type 1 and Type 2 Construction have non-combustible elements as listed in Table 601. The Variance requested is to use 12 heavy timber columns in the low rise grocery store. The Madison Fire Department supports the Variance.

**Attachments:** [800 N Block East Washington Ave.pdf](#)  
[WholeTrees Attachment 1-20-15.pdf](#)

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An amendment was passed out at the meeting from Whole Trees. The Fire Department recommends approval with the following conditions:

- \* MFD concurs that heavy timber columns will be equal to or greater than 18-inches in diameter.
- \* The heavy timber columns shall be exposed.
- \* All connections to the heavy timber column shall be via proven methods and acceptable to the Building Inspection Department.
- \* The building will be fully sprinklered.

There was discussion that the minimum branch size at the top be at least 9 inches.

A motion was made by Starkweather, seconded by Baldwin, to Approve the Variance with the Fire Department recommendation and a minimum of 9 inch branch size. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [36527](#)

1380 Williamson Street (C-12-86-2014)  
Ed Linville appealing IBC 1208.2. The rule requires that a ceiling height in a kitchen be

7' 0". The Variance requested is to allow a kitchen in the basement of an existing structure with headroom of 6' 8", for a maximum of 3 people. Additional safety is being provided by the battery back-up lighting which is not required when there is an exit. In addition, they offered a fire alarm with pull stations at the exits.

**Attachments:** [1380 Williamson St.pdf](#)

**There was no appearance by the applicant. The item was tabled from the last meeting. The applicant raised the ceiling height to 6' 4" with a width of 2' 8", and a reduced headroom area of less than 3 feet.**

**A motion was made by Breidenbach, seconded by Hext, to Approve the Variance. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## ORDINANCES

4. [36651](#) Amending Sections 22.07(3), 22.14(2) and (3), 22.20(1), and 22.21(1)(c) of the Madison General Ordinances to update the Madison General Ordinances so that they are consistent with the Wisconsin State Administrative Code regarding weights and measures.

**A motion was made by Hext, seconded by Link, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - John P. Starkweather; James I. Glueck; Richard J. Link; Robert B. Corey; Sam J. Breidenbach; Rick W. Hext; Craig E. Brown and Randall V. Baldwin

**Excused:** 1 - Louis J. Olson

## ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Hext, to Adjourn at 12:45 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**