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Department of Public Works Inspection Division 100 North Appleton Street Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

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# City of Appleton Application for Variance

| Application Deadline 2/14/2022   | Meeting Date 2/21/2022                           |  |  |
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| Please write legibly and also submit a complete of A complete site plan includes, but is not limited distances to each. There is a non-refundable \$12 refundable fee is payable to the City of Appleton | 5.00 fee for each variance application. The non- |  |  |
|  | Recp 3/08-000                                    |  |  |
| Property I   | nformation \                                     |  |  |
| Address of Property (Variance Requested)   | Parcel Number                                    |  |  |
| 312 E FREMONT ST   | 314050700  |  |  |
| Zoning District<br>R1B   | Use of Property  Residential X Commercial        |  |  |
| Applicant  | Information                                      |  |  |
| Owner Name   | Overnou Address                                  |  |  |
| HART M KING ET AL  | 312 E FREMONT ST<br>APPLETON, WI 54911           |  |  |
| Owner Phone Number   | Owner E Mail address (optional)                  |  |  |
| (920) 450-6881   | 4  |  |  |
| Agent Name   | Agent Address                                    |  |  |
| Tundraland Home Improvements   | N2277 W 41 Frontage Rd<br>Kaukauna, WI 53140     |  |  |
| Agent Phone Number   | Agent E Mail address (optional)                  |  |  |
| 920.462.5724   | KirstinA@Tundraland.com                          |  |  |

| Variance Information   |
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| Municipal Code Section(s) Project Does not Comply                                |
| Ord 27-21, §1, 7-7-21 23-93(9) (4)   |
| Brief Description of Proposed Project  |
| New 8'x21' deck build, using (4) 50/50 diamond piers and (1) 12" sonotube.       |
| Height off grade is 23", KDAT treated southern pine frame (2x10, 16" on center). |
| Includes 2 stairs (one inset) and code compliant railing                         |

| Owner's Signature (Required): | 1               | Date: | 1/20/2022 |  |
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# Questionnaire

In order to be granted a variance each applicant must be able to prove that an unnecessary hardship would be created if the variance were not granted. The burden of proving an unnecessary hardship rests upon the applicant. The attached sheet provides information on what constitutes a hardship. (Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide the information requested. Additional information may be requested as needed.

1. Explain your proposed plans and why you are requesting a variance:

New 8'x21' deck build, using (4) 50/50 diamond piers and (1) 12" sonotube. Height off grade is 23", KDAT treated southern pine frame (2x10, 16" on center). Includes 2 stairs (one inset) and code compliant railing

Requesting a variance due to setback restrictions. Deck is currently 15' from the lot line, and the setback requirement is 20'

2. Describe how the variance would not have an adverse affect on the surrounding properties:

The installation of a new deck not only will increase the property value of the house, but will beautify it as well.

The deck will not encroah any closer to the side lots than the house already does, and therfore should not have a negative affect on the neighbor's properties.

3. Describe the special conditions that apply to your lot or structure that do not apply to surrounding lots or structures:

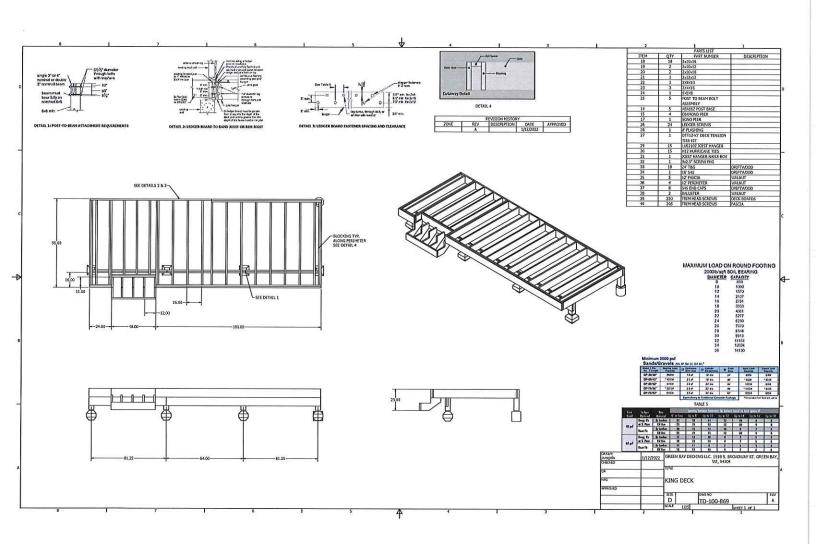
The older house next door has a porch area, providing the homeowner with a street facing area within which to recreate, whereas this home currently has none.

As an older home next to a newly constructed one, this new deck will increase the house's curb appeal, adding to the beautification of the neighborhood.

The new home next door, while visually appealing, appears to be built within the setback. Given that the next door neighbors were allowed the opportunity to build within the setbacks in the name of aesthetics, we feel this homeowner should be affored the same luxury.

4. Describe the hardship that would result if your variance were not granted:

The homeowner will miss out on a front gathering space, where they can interface with the community





#### CITY OF APPLETON MEMO

To: Board of Zoning Appeals

From: Kurt W. Craanen, Inspections Supervisor

Date: February 3, 2022

RE: Variance Application for 312 E. Fremont St. (31-4-0507-00)

# **Description of Proposal**

The applicant proposes to build a deck fifteen (15) feet from the front property line. Section 23-93(g)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance requires a twenty (20) feet front yard setback.

#### Impact on the Neighborhood

In the application, the applicant states that the new deck will increase property values and will not encroach any closer to the side lots than the house already does.

# **Unique Condition**

In the application, the applicant states that the older house next door has a street facing porch area and this home does not. The applicant also states that the house next door appears to be in the setback and this homeowner should be afforded the same luxury.

## Hardship

In the application, the applicant states that if the variance is not granted the homeowner will miss out on a front gathering space, where they can interface with the community.

### **Staff Analysis**

This property is 7,200 sq. ft. (60'x 120'). The minimum size lot in the R1B zoning district is 6,000 sq. ft.

Section 23-50(d)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance allows an adjusted front yard setback to be a straight line between the two (2) front corners of the adjacent properties. Applying this standard, the proposed deck would still require a variance.

A front porch/deck is not essential for the use of the property and the owner is causing the hardship by adding the addition. It does not appear the applicant has met the review criteria.