

CITY OF APPLETON MEMO

To: Board of Zoning Appeals

From: Kurt W. Craanen, Inspections Supervisor



Date: September 21, 2022

RE: Variance Application for 311 W. Evergreen Dr. (31-6-4500-00)

Description of Proposal

To install lighting that is not full cutoff design. Section 23-53(c)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance requires full cutoff design for exterior lighting.

Impact on the Neighborhood

In the application, the applicant states that the distance from the building to the nearest adjacent building has cover provided by trees and is a long distance away. In addition, the applicant states that the church facility has non full cut off fixtures as main exterior lighting on the building.

Unique Condition

In the application, the applicant states that the distance from adjoining properties is greater than most.

Hardship

In the application, the applicant states that it would be a financial hardship due to the installation cost that would be required to install light poles with bases. The applicant also states that cosmetically the outbuilding would match the existing church lighting and the ministries would not be able to safely function in the areas listed in question one.

Staff Analysis

The parcel is over 31 acres. There is no minimum lot size in the PI zoning district.

Due to the size of this parcel and location of the buildings, the neighboring properties will not be impacted by the lights.

Financial impact cannot be considered in determining if the review criteria has been met.

The applicant has an alternative of installing lighting that meets the code standards. The property may be used for its intended purpose without this variance. It does not appear that the applicant has met the review criteria for a variance.

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City of Appleton Application for Variance

Application Deadline Meeting Date

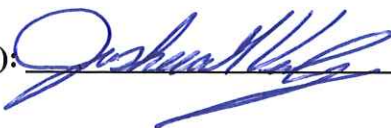
Please write legibly and also submit a complete reproducible site plan (maximum size 11" x 17"). A complete site plan includes, but is not limited to, all structures, lot lines and streets with distances to each. There is a non-refundable \$125.00 fee for each variance application. The nonrefundable fee is payable to the City of Appleton and due at the time the application is submitted.

Property Information	
Address of Property (Variance Requested) 311 W. Evergreen Dr	Parcel Number 31-6-4500-00
Zoning District PI	Use of Property Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Applicant Information	
Owner Name Pathways Church	Owner Address 311 W. Evergreen Dr. Appleton, WI 54913
Owner Phone Number	Owner E Mail address (optional)
Agent Name Josh Verhagen	Agent Address
Agent Phone Number (920) 841-7056	Agent E Mail address (optional) josh@thesolutionist.net

Variance Information
Municipal Code Section(s) Project Does not Comply Section 23-53(c)(1) - All exterior lighting shall be of full cutoff design and directed downward and away from adjoining property.
Brief Description of Proposed Project Install exterior lighting that is not of full cutoff design. Section 23-53(c)(1) of the Zoning Ordinance requires full cutoff design.

Owner's Signature (Required):



Date:

6/27/22

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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:
2. Describe how the variance would not have an adverse impact on the surrounding properties:
3. Describe the special conditions that apply to your lot or structure that do not apply to surrounding lots or structures:
4. Describe the hardship that would result if your variance were not granted:

1. Propose to use non full cut off fixture to illuminate the following areas because of the manner in which it is used. The north side of the building will accommodate garbage and recycling dumpsters and the south side will accommodate salt storage bin for winter maintenance. The rear of the facility accommodates a volleyball court in the summer and ice skating rink in winter. The front of the building is used in many different capacities. One would be for safety of snow removal equipment used. Another is that volunteers use it to assemble projects and perform community activities. Fixtures and lighting would provide safety of areas during use.
2. The distance from our building to nearest adjacent building has cover provided by trees and is a long distance away. In addition, the church facility has non full cut off fixtures as main exterior lighting on the building.
3. The distance from adjoining properties is greater than most.
4. It would be financially impacting due to the installation cost that would be required to install light poles with bases to illuminate the described areas. In addition cosmetically the outbuilding would match the existing church lighting. The ministeries within the church would not be able to safety function in areas listed in question one.

