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Kurt Craanen Inspection Supervisor City of Appleton 100 N Appleton St Appleton, WI, 54911

Dear Mr. Craanen:

I am writing to ask you for a temporary exception to Municipal Code 19-91(c). A little over a year ago I hired a landscape company to put in a gravel parking pad on the north side of my house. I had asked if there were any permits I needed or if there was any city department I needed to contact before starting and they assured me there was nothing I needed to do. Had I known there was a code against this I would have taken the correct steps needed to help my parking situation.

Under my current situation, I cannot afford to remove the gravel and replace the lawn, I have spent a significant amount of money remodeling in order to return my home to an upper/lower after my unforeseen separation from my wife and needing the income while I am in school at UW-Oshkosh to get my nursing degree. In the past 3 years I have replaced the furnace, water heater, roof, put in a brick patio and converted the house to single family then back to a duplex. This summer I am putting in new windows and painting, which is going to be a significant amount of money, so you can see as a fulltime student I do not have the extra income to remove the pad.

My house is a beautiful historic home and my long term goal is to restore it to as much of an original state as I possibly can. It was built in 1885, by George Walter, owner of Adler Brau Brewery. It was in considerable disrepair when I bought it in 2001, and I have taken great care and time in rehabilitating the property. I have been in talks with my neighbor to purchase part of the lot to the south and move my driveway and garage to the Oneida side, but that will also have to wait until I am finished with school and have my RN license. The spot that the parking pad is in was originally the site of a summer porch, a very small off the kitchen porch, which in the future I will be submitting a request to rebuild, but again when I am able to afford it.

I am in need of using the parking pad over the next 2 years as well. My daughters are both driving and have their own cars and when I have tenants they have 1-2 vehicles as well. This house was never designed to have cars, it was horse and buggy at that time and they would have been kept at a livery nearby. In 2 years I will be done with school, my youngest daughter will be off to college and I will be converting the house back to a single family home, the extra parking will not be needed at that time. I hope you can see that there was no attempt to circumvent the existing code but I was just trying to solve a problem the most efficient way I knew how. If allowed the temporary exception I will take steps to improve the look of the parking pad by sculpting the edges of the lawn and adding retaining materials. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Gliniecki



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