

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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TO: Municipal Services Committee

FROM: Kurt W. Craanen, Inspections Supervisor

SUBJECT: Variance Request for Driveway Extension – 3039 N. Ballard Rd.

DATE: August 12, 2024

On August 1, 2024, Inspections Division of Community Development Department received a complaint about pavement installed in the front yard of a residential property at 3039 N. Ballard Rd. The City responded and found that a 15' x 15' slab was installed, three (3) feet from the sidewalk.

Section 19-91(f)(3) of the Municipal Code requires a permit for driveway extension and limits driveway extensions into the front yard to four (4) feet. This installation is in violation of this section of the Municipal Code.

Contact was made with the owner, Micheal Strege, who stated that this slab was not a parking space, but a "turn around" so he and his wife do not need to back onto Ballard Road.

Section 19-91(g) of the Municipal Code states that appeals shall be filed with the Inspection Supervisor and heard by the Municipal Services Committee.

The Department of Community Development recommends to deny the appeal to allow a driveway extension 15' into the front yard.

From: michael strege <mb_strege@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 11:01 AM

To: Kurt Craanen <Kurt.Craanen@Appleton.org>

Subject: Driveway Extension /Request for Variance

This request for the extension is for usage as a turnaround only to Ballard Rd. When we lived in Tennessee my wife was involved in a car accident causing her fear/ anxiety when backing out of our driveway. This is my soul purpose for this turnaround, safety for my wife and grandchildren of driving age. Dimensions from turnaround to sidewalk taper 3ft. 3in. , 6ft. slab to sidewalk. Full Size of Slab 15x15 I have noticed on Ballard Rd. south an apartment complex with parking close to the sidewalk and roadway. Also other businesses on Ballard with the same parking features, that are close to the road. Of course with an apartment complex, vehicles are parked at all times of the day and night.

Michael B. Strege

