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Inspection Division  
100 North Appleton Street  
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911  
(920) 832-6411

**City of Appleton**  
**Application for Board of Building Inspection**

Meeting Date: 7/7/15 2:30

Please write legibly and also submit a complete reproducible plan (maximum size 11" x 17"). A complete plan includes, but is not limited to, all structures, lot lines and streets with distances to each. There is a non-refundable \$45.00 fee for each variance application. The non-refundable fee is payable to the City of Appleton and due at the time the application is submitted.

Property Information	
Address of Property (Variance Requested) 625 W. Prospect Ave	Parcel Number 31-3-0332-00
Zoning District R2B	Use <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial

Applicant Information	
Owner Name Friends of Hearthstone	Owner Address 625 W. Prospect Ave. 54911
Owner Phone Number 920-730-8204	Owner E Mail address (optional) hearthvolunteer@att.net
Agent Name Ed Hilgendorf	Agent Address 4716 N. Providence Ave Appleton, WI 54913
Agent Phone Number 715-826-0149	Agent E Mail address (optional) echilgen@gmail.com

Variance Information
Municipal Code Section(s) Project Does not Comply 4-140 (UPC 321.04)
Brief Description of Proposed Project Please see attached

Owner's Signature (Required):

*Ed Hilgendorf*

Date:

6-24-2015

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Description of Proposed Project

Request is made for a variance to the guard rail height ordinance as part of a historic restoration project at the Hearthstone Historic House Museum. The back porch from the kitchen is badly deteriorated, and we have not allowed the public on the porch for more than a year. The portions that need to be replaced are one column, several support pieces for the deck of the porch, part or all of the deck boards, the guard railings on the porch, stair stringers, risers and stair treads. The portions that can be retained with some minor repair are the remaining columns and support structure, the stairway guard railings and the newel posts at the bottom of the stairs. The replacement pieces will be made to look exactly like the pieces being replaced, and the intent is to not modify the porch in any way other than get rid of the deteriorated pieces and replace them with new wood. This a joint project with Boldt Construction, with Boldt doing the portion that is beyond the capacity of volunteers, and volunteers completing the rest, all being held to the same historic standard just mentioned.

The existing guard railings on both the porch and stairway are lower than current codes require. However, they have been in existence for many years and the replacement railings will be, with the permission of the Board of Building Inspection, the same height as the ones that have been in place previously. This is not simply for convenience but because the space for attaching the railings to the historic pieces that are being retained are at a lower height than currently required. Safety issues are being considered, but should be minimal because the handicapped lift restricts people from approaching the railings in the high drop areas. We have been working with the appropriate people at City Hall and respectfully request that this variance be approved so we can proceed with this badly needed restoration project.

This is part of an overall plan to continue to restore the building and improve our visibility and accessibility to the public. Our future depends on maintenance, restoration, and the support of many people.

Thank you.

*Ed Cielgecello*  
*Vice President, Friends of*  
*Hearthstone*