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City of Appleton Application for Administrative Appeal

Application Deadline August 28, 2017 Meeting Date Sept. 18, 2017 at 7pm

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 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) 2508 N. Richmond St.	Parcel Number 31-6-7695-00
Zoning District C2	Use of Property Residential
Applicant Information	
Owner Name Jack Voight	Owner Address 2508 N. Richmond St. Appleton, WI 54911
Owner Phone Number 475-0777	Owner E Mail address (optional) voightinsurance@aol.com
Variance Information	
Municipal Code Section(s) Section 23-68 of the Zoning Ordinance, Administrative Appeal. Appealing the decision of the Inspection Supervisor who is considering the proposed butterfly enclosure to be a structure. The applicant does not consider the butterfly enclosure a structure. Section 23-43(f)(2)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance requires accessory structures to be at least five (5) feet from the north property line and ninety eight (98) inches from the east property line. The proposed butterfly enclosure will be on the property lines.	
Brief Description of Proposed Project It is being proposed that a twelve (12) foot by twelve (12) foot butterfly enclosure that is eight (8) feet tall is allowed to be constructed on the north and east property line without permits, plan review and is not subject to the standards in the Zoning Ordinance.	

Owner's Signature (Required):

Jack Voight

Date:

8-28-2017

Variance Questionnaire

1. Explain your proposed plans and why you are requesting a variance:
My plan is to have a butterfly tent to be used by my tenant, Vets and Friends of Wisconsin Inc., a non-profit 501c3 organization to provide quality of life services to military veterans only during the summer season. Many combat veterans suffer from PTSD and die from suicide. The tent is constructed with 2"x6"x8' treated studs that rest on a concrete slab(12"wide and 3"height) which supports a 36'x40' shaded poly cloth for the sides and flat top. There are no permanent walls or roof structure. The shaded cloth keeps butterflies within the tent and it is removed in September and re-installed the following June. Within the tent area, there is also a small pond and waterfall. The tent, coffeehouse and detached pantry structure provides a wholesome environment for veterans and family, especially having a backyard garden area to rest and relax.

2. Describe how the variance would not have an adverse impact on the surrounding properties:
I believe there are no adverse impacts on surrounding properties. My north property owner allowed me to paint their concrete wall to match the color of my office building and gated, enclosed fence area. Also, a portion of the north side tent area restricts unwelcomed people to have access to my neighbors(commercial & residential) backyards.

3. Describe the special conditions that apply to your lot or structure that do not apply to surrounding lots or structures:
I believe the city's definition of my butterfly tent as a structure is too broad. This is not a permanent structure. There are numerous "structures" within Appleton that could be viewed as structures of the city's code....such as jungle jims, carports, art displays, greenhouses, vegetable stands on a neighbor's property line.

4. Describe the hardship that would result if your variance were not granted:
I would need to reduce size of the existing tent, remove some of the concrete slab, thus less space for veterans and family to enjoy a backyard garden and a smaller butterfly tent during the summer time.