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Austin Siewert 1423 20th Street S. La Crosse WI 54601

RE: An appeal of the regulation limiting wall height of residential accessory structures to a maximum of 10 feet

Dear Austin Siewert,

We have inspected your project to construct a detached garage that does not meet the maximum requirements set forth in the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse (Code) regarding the maximum allowable height of the wall of detached accessory buildings.

The project as proposed is in direct violation of the following subparagraph of the Code:

115-390 (1)d1

The overall maximum vertical distance of detached residential (R1—R6) accessory buildings, excluding carriage house accessory structures, shall not exceed 17 feet from the lowest floor elevation to the highest point of the structure with the overall wall height not to exceed ten feet and the main garage doors not exceeding eight feet in height from the lowest floor elevation. Detached garage roofs shall be framed to a pitch of not less than one-third or four and 12 cut.

Therefore, if upon consideration of all of the facts surrounding this appeal in a public hearing, the Board of Zoning Appeals determines that this appeal meets all of the criteria established by the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, as interpreted by the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin for the granting of variances, the Board of Zoning Appeals would have to grant a variance of 1 foot 2.5 inches to the 10 foot wall height allowed before this project may proceed.

Sincerely,

Jon Molledahl **Building Inspector**

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