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John Bayer
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RE: An appeal regarding the requirement that an accessory structure cannot exceed 17' in height from finished floor.

Dear John Bayer,

We have inspected your building project for a new detached garage that *does not* meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse (Code) regarding overall height for accessory structures.. We invite your attention to subchapter of the Code wherein it provides for the purpose of the law from which you are seeking a variance

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

Section 115-390. (1) d. Height of accessory buildings. The purpose of this subsection is to regulate the height and design of accessory buildings or structures.

1. 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 6 inches to the 17 foot overall height limit before construction for this project can continue as proposed.

Sincerely,

Jon Molledahl
Building Inspector

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