



# Fire Prevention and Building Safety

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Ken Gilliam, Fire Chief



September 19, 2019

La Crosse County  
212 6<sup>th</sup> St. N.  
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

RE: An appeal regarding the requirement to provide a vision clearance triangle at 230 7<sup>th</sup> St N.

Dear La Crosse County:

We have received your building permit application to place a monument sign located at 230 7<sup>th</sup> St. N. that does not meet the minimum requirements set forth in the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse (Code) regarding vision clearance triangles.

The code section you are appealing is located below.

111-11(b) *Vision triangles*. All signs shall be located so that they do not interfere with visibility at intersections or adversely affect pedestrian or traffic safety.

## 115.1 Definitions

*Vision clearance* means a triangular space at the street corner of a corner lot, or at the intersection of a public alley with a street, or within 15 feet of the point of intersection of a driveway in a front yard setback with a road right-of-way, or within 15 feet of the point of intersection of a driveway and an alley right-of-way unoccupied except as otherwise specifically authorized. Such space shall be determined by measuring from the point of intersection of the street lot lines along each street lot line, or street lot line and alley line, as the case may be, the distance required for the district in which the lot is located, forming a triangle by striking an imaginary line between said points of measurement.

In order for this project to proceed as proposed the Board of Zoning Appeals would have to grant a variance to allow a monument sign to be placed in the corner vision triangle of a driveway of the parking lot.

Sincerely,

Brent Thielen  
Building Inspector

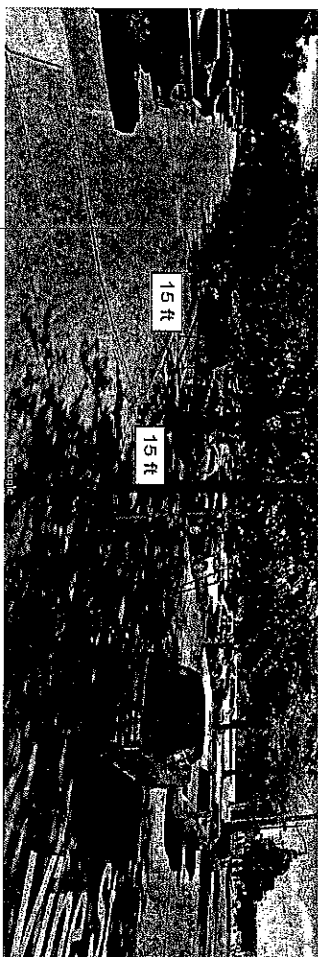
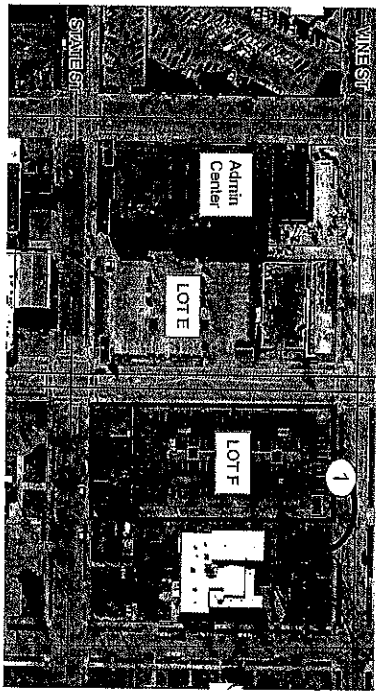
## CITY OF LA CROSSE

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# La Crosse County LOT F / 230 7TH STREET NORTH

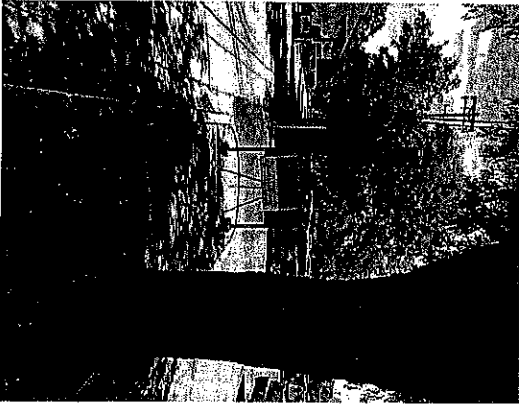
(1) D/F Monument Sign to be installed on NE corner of property (replace existing)

Aerial Map

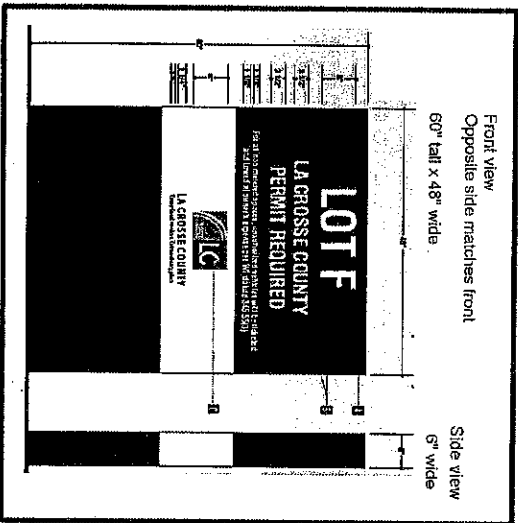


Corner vision triangle view

Current monument location

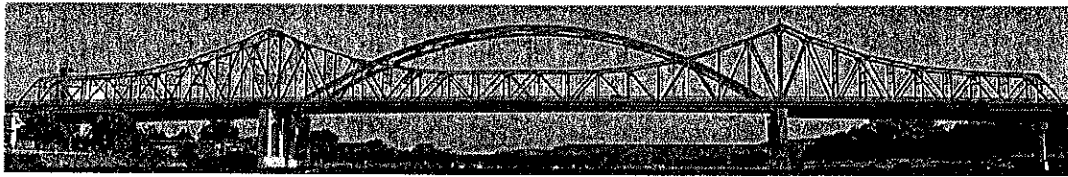


Proposed monument location





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## 230 7TH ST N LA CROSSE

Parcel: 17-20167-60 Internal ID: 29469  
 Municipality: City of La Crosse Record Status: Current

Print View

## Parcel Information:

Parcel: 17-20167-60  
 Internal ID: 29469  
 Municipality: City of La Crosse  
 Record Status: Current  
 On Current Tax Roll: Yes  
 Total Acreage: 0.968  
 Township: 16  
 Range: 07  
 Section: 32

## Legal Description:

T BURNS G FARNUM & P BURNS ADDITION LOTS 1-5 BLOCK 6 LOT SZ:  
 145.75X288.95

## Property Addresses:

Street Address: 230 7TH ST N City (Postal): LA CROSSE

## Owners/Associations:

Name	Relation	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
LACROSSE COUNTY	Owner	212 6TH ST N RM 2400	LA CROSSE	WI	54601

## Districts:

Code	Description	Taxation District
2849	LA CROSSE SCHOOL	Y
2	Book 2	N
OBS	DOWNTOWN BUSINESS STUDY	N

## Additional Information

Category	Description
2012+ VOTING SUPERVISOR	2012+ Supervisor District 6
2012 + VOTING WARDS	2012+ Ward 7
POSTAL DISTRICT	LACROSSE POSTAL DISTRICT 54601
Use	VACANT LOT

## Lottery Tax Information ⓘ

Lottery Credits Claimed: 0  
 Lottery Credit Application Date:

La Crosse County Land Records Information  
 (Ver: 2019.6.24.0)

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## BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

### STANDARDS FOR AREA VARIANCE

- ☐ 1. The proposed variance is not contrary to the public interest. The purpose statement of the ordinance and related statutes must be reviewed in order to identify the public interest. Variances must observe the spirit of the ordinance, secure public safety and welfare and do substantial justice. In considering effects of a variance on public interests, broad community and even statewide interests should be examined; the public interest standard is not confined to scrutiny of impacts on neighbors or residents in the vicinity of a project.
- ☐ 2. The property has a special or unique condition. The property must have unique or physical features which prevent compliance with the ordinance. The circumstances of an applicant, such as growing family or need for a larger garage, are not legitimate factors in meeting this standard. Property limitations that prevent ordinance compliance and that are not unique but common to a number of properties should be addressed by amendment of the ordinance.
- ☐ 3. The special condition of the property creates an unnecessary hardship:
  - A. Unnecessary hardship means unnecessarily burdensome, considering the purpose of the ordinance.
  - B. Unnecessary hardship may not be self created. An applicant may not claim hardship because of conditions which are self-imposed. Examples include claiming hardship for a substandard lot after having sold off portions that would have allowed building in compliance and claiming hardship where construction was commenced without required permits in violation of ordinance standards.
  - C. Financial hardship is not a deciding factor. Economic loss or financial hardship does not justify a variance.