CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT November 2, 2015

AGENDA ITEM – 15-1013 (Tim Acklin)

Application of John and Joyce Boysen for a Conditional Use Permit at 340 29th St. S. to allow a fence greater than 6 feet in height.

<u>ROUTING:</u> J&A Committee

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The applicant is proposing a fence over 6ft in height on the property depicted on attached **MAP PC15-1013**. The applicant removed a 12-14ft hedge along their southern property line as the hedge had become old and hard to maintain. During this process the applicant also decided to replace the existing 6ft fence with a new 6ft fence with 16" of decorative lattice on top. Due to the height of the deck off the ground and the slope of their backyard a 6ft fence would only allow minimal privacy.

Unfortunately the applicant did construct the fence without a permit. See attached photos that depict the hedge and fence that was removed and the new fence. The applicant has stated that the adjacent neighbor is happy with the proposed fence. A letter in support from their neighbor is attached.

GENERAL LOCATION:

340 29th Street S

RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

N/A

CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

N/A

> <u>PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:</u>

The section of fence that exceeds 6ft is only about 46ft in length. In addition, the fence is much lower in height than the hedge that was there prior. The style and design of the fence also meets the fence code. The adjacent property owner is in support of the fence and staff does not feel that is will have a negative impact on the neighborhood. **This application is recommended for approval with the condition that the applicant**

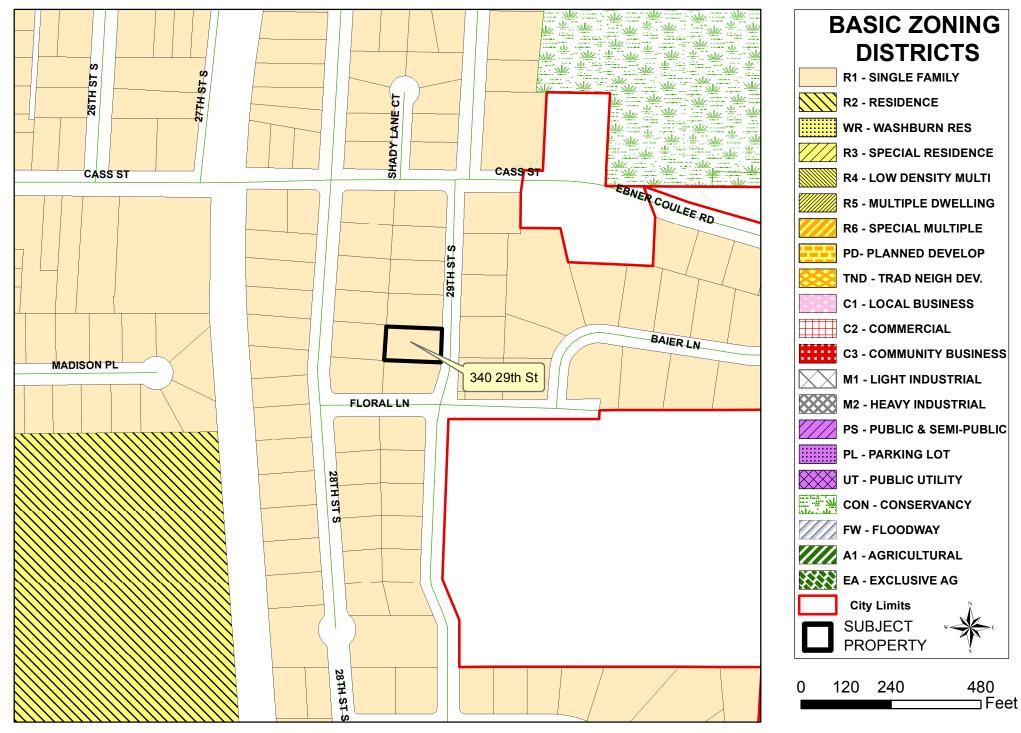
obtains a Fence Permit from the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Department (Inspections) and pay any fees associated with it.





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