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Subject: FW: request for waiver of Section 8.07(I)

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To: Reinhart, David
Subject: request for waiver of Section 8.07(I)

To the Judiciary and Administration Committee:

I am writing to request a waiver of the restrictions provided in Section 8.07(I).

My sister Jean and I are co-owners of the house at 911 Division St., which we bought in 1978 with our father, who wanted us to have the security of a rental property investment. Our father died in La Crosse in 1989, and the two of us, although we no longer live in La Crosse, continue to maintain the house as a rental. It is being managed by a local company.

We were unaware of this new regulation until a few days ago when we received a notice from the Building and Inspection Department. We are hopeful that you will understand that it would be a serious hardship for us if we were required to discontinue using this property as a rental, since we never imagined it for any other purpose. We would likely feel a need to sell the property in a hurry, which would mean we could have difficulty in recouping the property value. It would mean the loss of anticipated income for the future and would bring whatever concomitant stress and inconvenience of handling a sale we had not foreseen or planned for.

I believe also that this would surely be a hardship for our tenants, who have been there for some years and are dependable and stable renters. They would be uprooted and required to find a new home. As a renter myself, I can easily imagine how devastating this could be.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Loretta Lawrence