

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
REPORT
September 28, 2015**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM – 15-0934 (Jason Gilman)**

AN ORDINANCE to amend Paragraph 115-390(1)(e) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to require that all waivers of the requirement that all buildings within the stated boundary have a minimum of two stories are reviewed by the Common Council.

➤ **ROUTING:** J&A Committee

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Current section 115-390(1)(e) of the City of La Crosse Zoning Ordinance, states:
“Buildings erected or constructed after July 1, 2002, in the area bounded by Cameron Street, Eighth Street, La Crosse River and Mississippi River within the multiple dwelling, special multiple dwelling, community business, commercial, light industrial, heavy industrial, planned development or public and semi-public district shall have a minimum of two stories in height. City park land and structures thereon within said boundaries shall be exempt from the provisions of this subsection. The requirements of this subsection may be modified or waived upon application to the City Plan Commission. Applications shall be considered after a public hearing duly noticed in advance.”

Subsequent amendments to this section (Ord. 4724) provided for the approval of the Common Council with property owner notification and a fee were inadvertently left out of the current codification of the ordinances.

Legal has determined that this inadvertent omission cannot be considered part of the current code due to the adoption of the newly codified versions for which this section was missing.

This request is to re-establish this requirement in the current code of ordinances.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

Area bounded by Cameron Street, Eighth Street, La Crosse River and Mississippi River within the multiple dwelling, special multiple dwelling, community business, commercial, light industrial, heavy industrial, planned development or public and semi-public district.

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Was originally adopted by the Common Council at their December 2012 meeting.

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Implementation and review of design standards is consistent with the City of La Crosse Comprehensive Plan 12-19-02, page 12-11.

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

This Ordinance is recommended for approval.