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City of La Crosse

2710 Onalaska Ave

La Crosse, WI 54603

RE: An appeal regarding the requirement to have fill 15 feet beyond the structure one foot or more above the regional flood elevation at 2710 Onalaska Ave La Crosse, WI.

Dear City of La Crosse,

We have received the permit application to place 15 feet of fill around 3 sides of a property, that does not meet the requirements set forth in the Municipal Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse (Code) regarding standards for development in the Floodfringe district.

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

Sec. 115-281. - Floodfringe district (FF).

1.The elevation of the lowest floor shall be at or above the flood protection elevation on fill unless the requirements of section 115-281(3)(a)(2) can be met. The fill shall be one foot or more above the regional flood elevation extending at least 15 feet beyond the limits of the structure.

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 that 15 feet of fill, one foot or more above the regional flood elevation, to not be required on the north side of this property.

Sincerely,

Andy Berzinski

Building Inspector