ORDINANCE NO.: 26-0634

AN ORDINANCE to amend Sec. 115-399. (d) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding the type of retaining wall appearances allowed when adding fill for a building site.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: 115-399. (d)) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 115-399. (d)

(d) The height of any retaining wall or poured wall system shall not exceed two feet above the base flood elevation and shall not be closer than three feet to a lot line on all four sides unless an affidavit signed by the abutting property owners is presented to the Department of Planning and Development and shall have the exterior side of the retaining wall be of decorative CMU ~~or~~, poured wall with a form that has a decorative finish or decorative finish attached to a poured masonry wall such as rock, stone, stucco or brick veneer and there shall be shrubs and/or plantings placed on all four sides of said retaining wall within the three foot setback area. Such retaining walls must also meet the existing vision clearance ordinances. Fill in the three-foot setback may be allowed to the same neighboring property grade. Fill placed inside the poured retaining wall shall be clean, porous sand or other earthy material such as subsoil. All retaining walls constructed for the purpose of creating a building site for a structure or building shall be a decorative poured masonry wall ~~or~~, decorative CMU or decorative finish attached to a poured masonry wall such as rock, stone, stucco or brick veneer.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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Shaundel Washington-Spivey, Mayor

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Nikki M. Elsen, City Clerk

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