

July 16, 2025

Building and Housing Appeals Board
C/O Chief Building Inspector David Reinhart
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

RE: Request for Variance – Fire Station 3 Renovation
1710 Losey Blvd S
La Crosse, WI 54601

Chief Building Inspector Reinhart,

On behalf of the La Crosse Fire Department, I am respectfully requesting a variance to the City of La Crosse Municipal Ordinance Section 103-104, in relation to the planned renovation of Fire Station 3.

The intent of this project is to modernize the existing facility to meet current operational standards and support the essential functions of our department. Fire Station 3 is not a public occupancy structure; rather, it serves exclusively as a housing and operational base for on-duty firefighting personnel. There is no routine public access, and the occupants are trained responders familiar with fire safety and emergency protocols.

Due to the age of the facility, bringing the entire structure into full compliance with Section 103-104 would be financially prohibitive. The requested variance would allow us to complete critical updates while maintaining safety and function. We believe the building's limited and specialized use significantly mitigates any risk to public safety that the ordinance aims to address.

We are committed to ensuring the building remains safe and code compliant within reason, and we intend to incorporate modern safety and construction standards throughout the renovation.

Sincerely,



Alyssa Frank, Architect
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