

Dear Board of Commission:

I am requesting the city of St. Paul for a variance to keep my additional living space and driveway. The issue is in regards to my additional living space, which was modified into a living space from a garage before I bought the home.

When I first bought this house in 2009 the additional living space already had carpet and an exit door. I was pleased to see that this room was already carpeted and therefore played as a major influence for me to purchase the home. I have not modified the house since then. I had no acknowledgement that the additional living space and the drive way was not in compliance with the city zones. The additional living space is attach to the house on the North West corner, with the dimensions of 15x24 parallel to the house.

I was contacted by the state to either transform my additional living space into a garage again, or remove my driveway. But to turn the additional living space back into a garage or remove the driveway, would create some issues.

The first issue is that my additional living space is currently 10 inches off the ground. In order to transform this living space back into a garage, it would require major reconstruction to the structure of the additional living space.



In regards to removing the driveway, the issue of available parking arises. My house sits on the busy corner of Wheelock parkway and Edgemont. With the removal of my driveway, it would force me to find other parking areas, which will play as a major problem due to the fact that Wheelock Parkway does not allow any parking, and I do not have an alley behind my home. With the removal of my driveway, it will cause me to not have access to my house.

Another issue is that my house sits on a downward slope of about 10 feet. My current driveway leads straight to my front door. In order to alter the driveway, it would prove to be difficult due to this downward slope of my home.

My driveway is consistent with every other home who has a driveway facing Wheelock Parkway. It blends in well with the neighborhood and compliments the surrounding homes well. This variance will not change the look on the block or my neighborhood. I would really appreciate it, if the city would consider my variance based off of my current situation.

Sincerely,

Amy Her





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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE - BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

File #:

16 - 056641

Purpose:

A variance in conjunction with the Wheelock Parkway Street Vitality Project in order to

legalize an existing parking space within the required front yard.

Property

Address:

360 Wheelock Parkway East

Applicant:

Amy Her

360 Wheelock Parkway East St Paul MN 55130-3010

Date:

Monday, August 1, 2016

Time:

3:00 p.m.

Location:

15 Kellogg Boulevard West (Room 330 – Courthouse)

You may attend the hearing to express your opinion regarding this matter. You may send written comments to the Department of Safety and Inspections' staff person handling the case, Yaya Diatta, at the address listed in the letterhead above or E-mail him at yaya.diatta@ci.stpaul.mn.us. If you have questions about this application, please call Yaya at 651-266-9080.

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