

LegislativeHearings - 1336 HARTFORD AVE.,

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Subject: 1336 HARTFORD AVE.,

Hi Marcia,

We spoke at a hearing yesterday (NOV. 1) at 1:30 regarding egress issues on some windows at 1336 Hartford Ave. . I mentioned in the hearing that casement windows would gain us some glazing square footage. I was incorrect. They would gain us some height, but we would lose width. The casements end up being the same as the existing inserts.

So I guess my question is , "Is there anything I can do here other than put brand new windows in this womans house?"

As I mentioned, there is the financial concern of cost to a single person. The house is stucco so makeing window openings larger will be fairly involved to do correctly. There is also the aesthetic/architectural issue of the windows not matching on the interior or exterior, which will change the entire feel/look of the house on the front and in the bedrooms. My understanding is that the building inspections department is in agreement. I may be wrong on this, but thats my understanding.

In the end this is my problem. I know that. I had no idea this was going to be an issue. Obviously. Am I wrong or is this a fairly new code? That if the existing window didn't meet code you couldn't put inserts in them if they were in bedrooms? I'm just still a little shocked that the only option here is cut new windows into this house, get rid of the inserts, have the woman buy new full windows, and pay to have them cut into the house. Again, I know it's my problem though. I'm just hoping here there is something else.

Let me know what my options, if any are, at your convenience.

Thanks for your time,

Casey

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