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**From:** Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 11:28 AM  
**To:** Ubl, Stephen (CI-StPaul); Vang, Nhia (CI-StPaul); Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)  
**Cc:** Shaff, Leanna (CI-StPaul); Wiese, Angie (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** RE: RLH CO 16-18 - Appeal of Darren Jakel to a Fire Inspection Correction Order at 1306 ALTON STREET.

Hi Steve,

Thank you for looking at this with Angie. We will forward your email to the appellant and note for our records that there have been 2 alternative methods of compliance offered. You indicated the appellant may discuss other possibilities for compliance with you, as well.

I think the remaining item is the deadline for compliance and we can follow-up on that on 6/7/15 at our hearing.

Thanks, Marcia

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**From:** Ubl, Stephen (CI-StPaul)  
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Good morning,

After reviewing the information we have in our office with our Fire Engineer, Angie Wiese, it appears we have a stair tower exiting into a locked courtyard. This is not allowed under the code (exits must discharge onto the public right of way). We recognize the client that are being served in this building and we also understand the patient/employee ratio for support. That being said, the issue regarding free exiting to a public right of way is critical.

There appears to be two options that may be available in this situation. The fencing around the courtyard could be altered in a way so that the path leading from the stair tower to the sidewalk is not part of the courtyard OR a delayed egress panic hardware would need to be installed on the exit gate at the sidewalk. This panic hardware would need to be deactivated upon water flow of the sprinkler system, alarm activation or power outage. The owner should entertain a designer to view section 1008 for locking device options pertaining to the panic hardware option.

If the owner, or their designer of record, wishes to discuss these options, or other options that may be viable for this situation, please have them contact me.

Thank you,



**Stephen Ubl**

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**From:** Vang, Nhia (CI-StPaul)

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**Subject:** RLH CO 16-18 - Appeal of Darren Jakel to a Fire Inspection Correction Order at 1306 ALTON STREET.

Hi Steve and Angie,

I would like your advice on this appeal. Of the nine identified deficiencies in the Fire Inspection Correction Notice, the appellant is appealing item #9 related to the Gate Locking Device (MSFC 1008.1.11) and is asking for a variance. The property is a memory care building with 46 patients and more than 100 staff (with various shifts). The property is 24-hour staffed. Patients using the courtyard area are always accompanied by a staff who always have a key with them. The building is installed with automatic sprinkler, 24-hour monitoring, smoke detection and fire alarms.

Based on what I heard from Mr. Jakel, this building was newly constructed about 8 years old. Back then, buildings plans were submitted and approved. Nothing has changed since. Can you both take a look at this item to see what happened? Thanks in advance.

Nhia

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