

City of Nanaimo  
Planning Department/Board of Variance Committee  
411 Dunsmuir St.

Re: Request for Minor Variance

May 19, 2020

To whom it my concern:

We are respectfully asking the committee to consider a minor variance request at our property 6178 McGirr Road, Nanaimo, BC. This would involve permitting a structure to have a reduced rear setback requirement from 5.5 m to 4.3m, a variance of 1.2 m.

We would like to add an outside staircase to our existing sundeck that leads to our backyard. We moved into this duplex approximately 1 year ago and we have discovered that should we need to exit for emergency reasons from the dining room, living room or kitchen we would only be able to go to our sundeck and not be able to exit to the ground level. On the sundeck we only have three available places to consider for a set of stairs and two are not feasible.

**Option 1: The option that we are requesting runs parallel to the sundeck and our back neighbours and changes the property rear setback from 5.5m to 4.3m.**

Option 2: Putting a staircase to the left side of the our deck looking from the outside and beside our left neighbours fence would block the exterior exit from our house on the ground level.

Option 3: Putting the stairs on the right side of the deck isn't really an option as there is a rip rock retaining wall that prevents us from allowing the stairs to reach ground level.

Options 2 and 3 create an undue hardship because of the rock retaining wall and the location of the basement door.

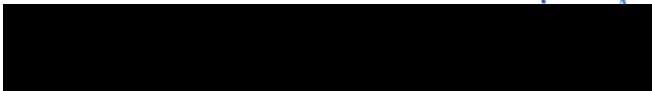
In addition to all necessary documents we have enclosed a couple of photos that gives visual assistance for the 3 options.

We thank you for your time for considering out request and look forward to a positive response.

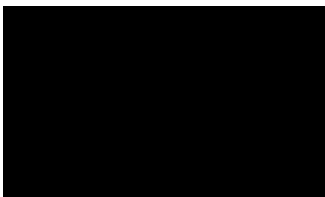
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