

To: The City of Naperville
Attn: Zoning Commission

Re: 421 E. School St., Naperville, IL 60540

Da: May 17, 2020

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that I am petitioning for a Variance of the distance permitted from the end of a porch to the sidewalk/street. The existing porch needs replacement, and any such replacement requires a Zoning Variance.

Pursuant to Naperville's Code, Section 6-3-6:2, the Standards for Granting a Zoning Variance, I most respectfully submit that:

1. The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Title and the adopted comprehensive master plan. The proposed porch, which has been approved by the Historic Commission, will enhance the safety of the property, will restore the property's historic character (because the Historic Survey notes the existence of a porch like the one proposed) at a prior time in Naperville's history.

2. Strict enforcement of this Title would result in practical difficulties or impose exceptional hardships due to special and unusual conditions which are not generally found on other properties in the same zoning district. The limited size of this lot, the configuration of the house relative to the sidewalk and street, all built over 100 years ago before we had these standards, essentially requires a Variance so that a new and safe porch can be rebuilt.

3. The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood and will not be a substantial detriment to adjacent property. Respectfully, quite to the contrary, if the variance is granted, the porch will enhance the essential character of the neighborhood and restore the historic condition of this property and porch as it once existed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please advise if you require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark E. Dowd