

March 24, 2011

DECISION  
SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
Appeal Application No. SP-05-11

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ross & Theresa Halverson  
E3048 Marble Quarry Rd.  
Plain, WI. 53577

Dear Mr. & Ms. Halverson:

On March 24, 2011, the Sauk County Board of Adjustment considered your application for a special exception permit, pursuant to Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(a) and 7.03(2)(n)1.. Based upon the applicable records, evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the Board of Adjustment makes the following:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

Ross & Theresa Halverson, hereinafter referred to as "Applicant", applied for a special exception permit pursuant to Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(a) and 7.03(2)(n)1, to authorize the location and operation of a lodging house and rug hooking/crafters retreat. The property is located in Section 29 of the Town of Bear Creek and subject to Chapter 7, the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance.

Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(a) provides that any use permitted in the single family residential district is permitted in the agricultural district. Section 7.03(2)(n)1 provides that a special exception permit is required for the operation of lodging houses and bed and breakfast establishments. zoning district

The surrounding area contains agricultural, forested and few residential properties. The site has been used by the applicants as a single family residence since 1998 and as a bed and breakfast from 2002 until 2008.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Sauk County Board of Adjustment may not grant a special exception permit for the location of a lodging house unless all of the conditions listed in Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(l) and 7.03(2)(n) are met. As part of its review, the Board must determine whether the location of the lodging house will significantly injure the public health, safety or welfare. The applicant has the burden of showing that the permit meets the standards designated in Sauk Co. Code § 7.05(2)(l) and

7.03(2)(n). Edward Kraemer & Sons, Inc. v. Sauk County Board of Adjustment, 183 Wis. 2d 1, 515 N.W.2d 256, 262 (1994).

Upon reviewing the evidence and testimony, the Board determined the proposed location of the new lodging house and crafters retreat is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Ordinance. The board made this decision based on testimony and information provided at the hearing, and the following:

The Sauk County Board of Adjustment noted that the Town of Bear Creek was in support of the applicants request and that the applicant has operated a bed and breakfast establishment at this location until 2008 without any complaints registered or citations issued by the department.

## DECISION

Based upon the evidence, testimony, exhibits and legal authority, the Sauk County Board of Adjustment, by a vote of three to none, approves your request, subject to conditions, for a special exception permit for a new lodging house and crafters retreat.

In issuing the special exception permit, the Board set forth the following conditions the Applicant shall comply with:

A. All work on and use of the premises shall proceed with the plans and supplemental evidence presented at the hearing. It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure all required Town, State, Federal and County permits prior to commencing operation. County permits required for this approval include a land use permit for a lodging house and a cottage industry.

B. No work shall be commenced prior to receiving the Board of Adjustment decision letter and securing the required permits.

C. The operation of the lodging house shall be subject to the conditions of section 7.03(2)(n)1 a. through g. of the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance.

D. The permit shall be in effect for a period of ten years and may be renewed by the Board of Adjustment at the end of that period.

E. Sauk County Planning and Zoning shall be granted permission to view the site to ensure compliance with these conditions and other relevant provisions of Sauk County Ordinances. The power to ensure compliance with these conditions is given to Sauk County Planning and Zoning. If the department finds that any of these conditions have been violated, they are hereby authorized to take corrective action, either through suspension of the permit, citations or by any means of enforcement that is within their power.

F. Failure by the Applicant to follow all of the conditions set forth by the Sauk County Board of Adjustment is grounds for suspension or revocation of the special exception permit and possible enforcement action. In order to have the special exception permit reinstated after suspension, the applicant must comply with all conditions established by the Board of Adjustment, as determined by the Sauk County Planning & Zoning Director, or appear in front of the Board of Adjustment. In order to have the special exception permit reinstated after revocation the applicant must appear in front of the Board of Adjustment for a new hearing and comply with all requirements as outlined in this letter.

#### APPEAL RIGHTS

A complete record of the hearing and the decision of the Board is available for inspection at the Sauk County West Square Building. Please note that advance arrangements may be necessary to inspect such records. This decision will become final unless a written appeal is filed with the Sauk County Circuit Court within 30 days of the decision being filed in the Sauk County Planning and Zoning Office. Copies of the record may be secured upon written request and upon payment of the transcription fees.

Very truly yours,

SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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Linda White, Vice Chair

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Robert Roloff, Secretary

Filed on this date: \_\_\_\_\_

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