

August 25, 2011

DECISION
SAUK COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Appeal Application No. SP-17-11

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Steve Kearns & Linda Johnson
S5509 State Road 123
Baraboo, WI. 53913

Dear Mr. Kearns & Ms. Johnson:

On August 25, 2011, the Sauk County Board of Adjustment considered your application for a special exception permit, pursuant to Sauk Co. Code § 7.08(2)(b)2.. Based upon the applicable records, evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the Board of Adjustment makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Steve Kearns & Linda Johnson, hereinafter referred to as "Applicant", applied for special exception permits pursuant to Sauk Co. Code § 7.08(2)(b)2, to bring an existing motel into compliance with the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance. The property is located in Section 11 of the Town of Baraboo and subject to Chapter 7, the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance.

Section 7.08(2)(b)2 of the Sauk County Zoning Ordinance provides that a special exception permit is required for hotels, motels and resorts.

This site had been used as a motel since the 1955 the applicant purchased the property in 2004. The zoning was brought into compliance in 1992, however the owners at that time did not secure the required special exception permit from the Board of Adjustment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Sauk County Board of Adjustment may not grant a special exception permit for a motel unless all of the conditions listed in Sauk Co. Code § 7.08(2)(b) are met. As part of its review, the Board must determine whether the location of the motel 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 § 7.08(2)(b). 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 existing motel 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 business had been in operation for years and that by granting the special exception permit would result in bringing the property into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

DECISION

Based upon the evidence, testimony, exhibits and legal authority, the Sauk County Board of Adjustment, by a vote of five to none, approves your request, subject to conditions, for a special exception permit for the operation of a motel.

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 any building or change of use.

B. The permit shall be issued to the applicants and shall be nontransferable.

C. Sauk County Conservation, 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 Conservation, 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.

D. 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 Conservation, 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

Linda White, Chair

Robert Roloff, Secretary

Filed on this date: _____

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