To Whom It May Concern **7 Sep 2003**

Attached please find my completed and certified application for an area variance waiver. Specifically, I am seeking approval to build an enclosed, attached garage to my residence, complete with a rear entrance that would preclude the need for me to walk outside to enter my home after parking my car.

The importance and primary incentive for building an enclosed garage with a rear entrance to my house at 1418 Q Street is my personal safety. Currently, I park my car in the rear yard and must walk ¼ block from the alley to 14th Street turn left and walk another ¼ block to Q Street turn left again and walk a further ¼ block to the entrance of my house. This is a safety hardship for me since there are many homeless people sleeping in the alley. I have seen needles from drug users in the alley. I have seen tall, large, drunk men defecate in the alley. I have had to ask them to leave the premises. I have had homeless people using my water spicket in the back of my house. Further, my next door neighbors bike was stolen by thieves entering through my back yard. I would like to park my car, close the garage and be able to go upstairs into my house through the back without having to exit to the outside and walk around the block. I would like to be able to safely leave my home and enter my car before raising the garage to exit to the outside.

Further, I would like to build a rear entrance with deck and stairwell up to the second and third floors of my house as these floors comprise my primary residence. The first floor is rented to a tenant so I would like to have a prefabricated spiral staircase go up to the second floor where I reside. It would attach to a deck with an entrance into my kitchen. My neighbors have the same deck and I am attaching pictures of what I would like to do.

I have also provided plans which have been certified by an engineer and architect. As I stated above, the main incentive and reason why I have engaged in the time and expense of this project is security more than an addition to my home.

Respectfully

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