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Statement of Existing and Intended Use

Existing Use

The part of the building that will be extended is currently used as a kitchen and dining room area. The current kitchen and dining room area provides inadequate space for a motorized wheelchair for the disabled co-owner of the house. The space within the current dining room is difficult and awkward to pass for someone in a wheelchair. The current kitchen is extremely narrow and there is absolutely no room for a person in a wheelchair to enter the room with the dishwasher in place or if the refrigerator door is open. As it currently stands, there is only one bathroom on the second floor which is totally inaccessible to someone in a wheelchair. The disabled person is unable to use his own home for basic needs (eating, toileting, exiting the home unassisted, etc.). Consequently, the disabled person in the house must rely on someone to bring him his meals as he is unable to enter the kitchen and he requires constant assistance in using a basin to bathe as well as to have someone empty his commode chair because there are no wheelchair accessible bathroom facilities.

Intended Use

The addition will expand the existing kitchen and would allow better and more efficient use of the space allowing for a much needed bed and bath area on the first floor for an individual in a wheelchair. The expanded kitchen would also permit access to the kitchen sink and the refrigerator to promote self-care for a person who is disabled. The expanded space will allow greater mobility for the disabled person thereby improving flow of movement as well as promote the general mental and physical health of the individuals in the home. The addition will provide adequate space according to the recommendations of the American Medical Association guidelines for residential accommodations for the disabled.

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