

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to accompany a request for a variance for a height restriction to an accessory structure at 2214 Douglas Street NE. The hardship claims to qualify this request are as follows:

Given the substantial amount of water run off that is seen in this neighborhood, a post foundation is preferred to a concrete slab. Given this change in the foundation, additional height would be required to allow enough space for the structure to be built; AND

Given the stated intent of the code to allow two-story dwellings, the code height restriction limits the design of structures that are two stories. Given financial limitations, we acquired a standard building design and utilized a local architect to conform as best able to code.

Our request is not expressly to exploit the 2016 change in building code, but to conform as best able to it. The request for a height variance is borne out of the utility of the dwelling and financial need. Please consider our request.

Best regards,

Claire and Brendan Smullen