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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

## **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

September 1, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

Richard Bergmann has filed an application requesting an Area Variance to Section 6.3.3(b)(1) of the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance to allow an attached pergola within a side setback area in an R-1B, Single-Family Residential District, for the property located at:

**1343 Highland Avenue.**

In late 2019, the applicant constructed a carport without a Building Permit within a side setback area. The applicant is seeking a variance to allow the carport to be converted into a pergola.

The following public hearing will be held regarding this requested Variance:

**Board of Appeals:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in The Forum, Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street.

We are interested in your opinion. Due to COVID-19, members of the public are highly encouraged to provide oral or written comments to the Board via alternative means. You may mail your comments to the attention of Drew Pennington at 100 State Street or via email to [penningtond@beloitwi.gov](mailto:penningtond@beloitwi.gov). You may also call (608) 364-6711 to provide your comments over the phone. In-person attendance at City meetings may be limited.

You may submit a letter to the Board of Appeals, 100 State Street, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511, to either support or oppose the applicant's request. The Board of Appeals may grant an "Area" Variance **only** if it finds that all of the following facts are true:

- a. Compliance with the strict letter of the Zoning Ordinance regulating area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk or density would create a hardship by either:
  1. unreasonably preventing the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose; or
  2. rendering conformity with such regulations unnecessarily burdensome.
- b. The hardship is unique to the property.
- c. The hardship is not self-created.
- d. The variance will not undermine the purpose of the ordinance or the public interest.
- e. The variance will not permit a use of land that substantially changes the character of the neighborhood.

For more information, contact Drew Pennington at [penningtond@beloitwi.gov](mailto:penningtond@beloitwi.gov) or (608) 364-6711.