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# APPEAL SUMMARY

Status: Decision Rendered

Appeal ID: 15832 Project Address: 1726 SE Miller St

Hearing Date: 9/13/17 Appellant Name: Lisa Christie

Case No.: B-006 Appellant Phone: 503-490-5472

Appeal Type: Building Plans Examiner/Inspector: Preliminary

Project Type: residential Stories: 2 Occupancy: R Construction Type: V-B

Building/Business Name: Fire Sprinklers: No

Appeal Involves: Alteration of an existing structure, Addition LUR or Permit Application No.:

to an existing structure

Plan Submitted Option: mail [File 1] Proposed use: single family residence w/attached ADU

#### APPEAL INFORMATION SHEET

### Appeal item 1

Code Section BDS Accessory Dwelling Units Program Guide

Requires Bureau of Development Services Accessory Dwelling Units Program Guide V.B.4.a.1.a

Fire & Life Safety, Separation between units, existing conditions, walls.

An (existing) stud wall having either wood lath and plaster or a covering of ½" gypsum wallboard

on both sides, in sound condition, is acceptable.

Proposed Design The existing wall that will separate the ADU from the main house currently has ½" gypsum

wallboard (in good condition) on both sides. To facilitate construction, the wallboard on the ADU side will be removed. It will be replaced with 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard. All penetrations

through this wall will be fire-caulked.

Reason for alternative In order to facilitate construction (accessing piping, access wiring, install insulation, etc), the

existing ½" wallboard on the ADU side needs to be removed.

Installing 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard will provide greater fire protection than is required.

### Appeal item 2

Code Section 2014 OR Residential Specialty Code R 302.3. Two-family dwellings.

Requires Dwelling units in two-family dwellings shall be separated from each other by wall and/or floor

assemblies having not less than a 1-hour fire-resistance rating when tested in accordance with

ASTM E119 or UL 263.

Proposed Design	There will be a door between the existing house and the newly created ADU. The door will be a 60-minute rated door.
Reason for alternative	This ADU is being created as a 'mother-in-law' unit. The owner's elderly mother will live in the unit. The owners take care of her and need the door in order to facilitate her care. The owners understand that if they ever close the door, a building permit is required. The door will be a 60-minute door, which completes the wall assembly required for a 1-hour rating.
Appeal item 3	
Code Section	2014 OR Residential Specialty Code R 302.3.1. Supporting construction.
Requires	When floor assemblies are required to be fire-resistance rated by Section R301.2, the supporting construction of such assemblies shall have an equal or greater fire-resistance rating.
Proposed Design	There is an existing exterior wall that supports the floor above. The existing sheathing and siding on the exterior of the wall will remain. Two (2) layers of 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard will be applied to the interior side of the wall.
Reason for alternative	The supporting wall is existing and is it unreasonable to remove the exterior siding. Providing two (2) layers of 5/8" Type X on the inside of the wall will adequately protect the wall from a fire originating inside the ADU.

#### APPEAL DECISION

- 1. Replacement of one side of unit separation wall drywall with existing finishes to remain on other side: Granted as proposed.
- 2. ADU with 60 minute door into main unit: Granted as proposed.
- 3. One hour wall with both layers of type X on interior of wall: Granted as proposed.

The Administrative Appeal Board finds that the information submitted by the appellant demonstrates that the approved modifications or alternate methods are consistent with the intent of the code; do not lessen health, safety, accessibility, life, fire safety or structural requirements; and that special conditions unique to this project make strict application of those code sections impractical.

Pursuant to City Code Chapter 24.10, you may appeal this decision to the Building Code Board of Appeal within 180 calendar days of the date this decision is published. For information on the appeals process and costs, including forms, appeal fee, payment methods and fee waivers, go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/appealsinfo, call (503) 823-7300 or come in to the Development Services Center.

