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APPEAL SUMMARY

Status: Decision Rendered

Appeal ID: 23494	Project Address: 2118 SE Division St	
Hearing Date: 2/26/20	Appellant Name: Bob Schatz	
Case No.: B-008	Appellant Phone: 5032358585	
Appeal Type: Building	Plans Examiner/Inspector: Preliminary	
Project Type: commercial	Stories: 3 Occupancy: R-1 Construction Type: 5-B	
Building/Business Name: Roxy Fire Sprinklers: Yes - 13R in building		
Appeal Involves: Erection of a new structure	LUR or Permit Application No.:	
Plan Submitted Option: pdf [File 1]	Proposed use: R1 short term rental	

APPEAL INFORMATION SHEET

Appeal item 1

Appear item I	
Code Section	1028.4 EGRESS COURTS
Requires	Per Chapter 2 Definition of Egress Court (p.30): A court or yard, which provides access to a public way for one or more exits.
	Per Chapter 2: Definition of Court (p.27): an open, uncovered space, unobstructed to the sky,
	bounded on three or more sides by exterior building walls or other enclosing devices.
Code Modification or Alternate Requested	To define an egress court
Proposed Design	A 11'-0" section of the egress court is covered and enclosed on two sides. This portion of the egress court shall be called an 'open exit passageway' is considered exterior space. This covered open exit passageway section has a minimum of 9'-0" high ceiling and surrounded by a 2-hour fire rated wall on the two sides and a 2-hour fire rated ceiling. There is no occupied space above the open exit passageway, it is just a roof area to keep the entry to the court dry during a rain.
Reason for alternative	A. This appeal has been previously approved through
	APPEAL ID# 5500 Dated: 8/22/2008
	Also Appeal ID# 13,447 Dated 5/12/2016
	B. The definition of court is to determine the type of space and not intended to be a fire code regulation.
	C. The proposed covered section of the egress court has 2 hour rated walls and ceiling.
	D. It would benefit the inhabitants of the building to get out of the rain before entering the property.





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Code Section	TABLE 1006.3.3(2)
Requires	1-exit not allowed with R1 occupancy when the occupied space is 2nd or 3rd story above grade plane.
Code Modification or Alternate Requested	To provide a small hotel space with one exit instead of the required 2
Proposed Design	The proposal is within a building that is small enough that the whole 2nd and 3rd floor is a single R1 occupant with an occupant load of 8. That single occupant space will have it's own staircase from the 2nd to 1st floor with a small 68 square foot lobby on the first floor with direct access to the public sidewalk. That lobby is only accessible to this one tenant and the lobby is required per zoning code (windows from the sidewalk to an R1 occupancy are not allowed per zoning code but are allowed to a lobby). The egress stairwell between the 1st and 2nd floor will be 2-hour fire rated and have a 45 minute door at the top of the egress stairwell.
Reason for alternative	The entire property is 1,250 square feet with only 25 feet of street frontage which is difficult to add a second egress due to limitations in space. In table 1006.3.3(2) it states that a single exit is allowed from the first story if the occupant load is 10 or fewer and our exit access travel distance is under 75 feet. With this proposed design our occupant load is 10 or fewer and if you count the fire rated door at the top of the egress stairwell as the start of the EXIT, our exit access travel distance is under 75 feet thus meeting the intention of the code.
	Also considering this same code allows a larger 3-story hotel with a couple hundred occupants and 2 exits, this single exit hotel space with 8 occupants has to be a safer design.
APPEAL DECISION	1
. Exit discharge with protection.	re-entry into building: Denied. Proposal does not provide equivalent Life Safety

Life Safety protection. Appellant may contact John Butler (503 823-7339) with questions.

Pursuant to City Code Chapter 24.10, you may appeal this decision to the Building Code Board of Appeal within 90 calendar days of the date this decision is published. For information on the appeals process, go to www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/appealsinfo, call (503) 823-7300 or come in to the Development Services Center.





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