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Subject: Proposed porch/vault addition, 518 Rosedale Road NE

To the Mayor and City Council Members:

We will be making every effort to attend the Council meeting on 7/6/21, but on the “off” chance that neither my husband or I are able to attend the meeting (I will be taking our daughter to her softball game in Chisago City if it isn’t rained out and we are not sure if Aaron will be able to leave work early), we would like it to be known that we are opposed to the proposed porch/bunker addition at 518 Rosedale Road NE.

As stated at the Planning and Zoning meeting on 6/28/21, we are opposed to this addition. The size of the proposed porch/bunker is almost 9 times the size of what is currently allowed by the city (sq ft). Currently, the city allows for a 6x10 (60 sq ft) porch and their request is for 12x44 (528 sq ft). They are requesting a 12 foot encroachment into the 35 foot setback, which we understand is actually a state statute/requirement.

We are concerned with the aesthetics that this “porch/bunker” will have in the neighborhood as we do not feel the size of the lot is conducive to an addition this size. In addition, we feel the size of this porch will obstruct the view of the street for residents on either side of them.

This addition as planned, per the variance application, will remove a parking spot in the driveway where one vehicle is currently parked and will also reduce space for snow removal.

Another concern is that this underground “bunker” could feasibly be a shooting range for handguns, based on the size of it.

This is a residential neighborhood and if the needs of their two businesses requires more space than what is currently available in their residence or what they city currently allows, then they need to pursue commercial space for these needs.

Thank you

Aaron and Kathy Buck

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