

BUILDING SAFETY & ZONING DIVISION
PLAN COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

TO: Plan Commission
DATE: May 12th, 2025
SUBJECT: 830 West Street, Conditional Use Permits - CUPs

A request by Nick and Jessica Schmidt for three Conditional Use Permits: a combination of accessory structures exceeding a total of 1,000 square feet of gross floor area; exceeding the maximum lot coverage for accessory structures; and exceeding the maximum height of an accessory structure. Parcel PIN(s): 291-0815-0513-005

SITE DETAILS:

Acres: 0.88 acres
Current Zoning: Single-Family Residential (SR-4)
Existing Land Use: Single-Family Home
Future Land Use Designation: Mixed Industrial

BACKGROUND AND APPLICATION DESCRIPTION:

The applicant is seeking approval of three Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) to allow for construction of a storage shed. The first CUP request is to exceed the 1,000 sq ft maximum for accessory structures. The existing barn is approximately 1,344 S.F. and the proposed shed (36x64) will be approximately 2,304 S.F. A detached garage of approximately 480 S.F. and a garden shed of approximately 63 S.F. also exist on the property. The garden shed is to be removed after the storage shed is constructed, resulting in a total of 3 accessory structures on the property. The total S.F. of accessory structures after the project is complete will be approximately 4,128 S.F.

The second CUP request is to exceed the maximum lot area coverage for accessory structures. The maximum area of the lot that can be covered by accessory structures in the Single-Family Residential (SR-4) is 10%. The existing residential lot consists of 38,332 S.F. of which 10% is 3,833 S.F. The square footage of the existing accessory structures that are to remain in addition to the proposed accessory structure (4,128 S.F.) would exceed 10% of the lot area requiring an exception to the maximum lot area coverage.

The third CUP request is to exceed the maximum height requirements for accessory structures. Within the Single-Family Residential (SR-4) Zoning District, the maximum allowed height of an accessory structure is 15 feet. The maximum height of the proposed shed would be 24ft high at the peak. A CUP granted for a height exception is required to specifically state the maximum permitted height of the proposed building or structure.

The storage shed would be sided with the same charcoal gray rib panel siding and oak walnut garage doors as the existing barn.

STAFF EVALUATION:

Land Use and Zoning:

1. Within the Single-Family Residential (SR-4) Zoning District, a 'Residential Accessory Structure' is an accessory land use permitted by right *[per § 550-24C(1)(b)]*.
2. Within the Single-Family Residential (SR-4) Zoning District, the maximum accessory building coverage is 10% of the lot area *[per § 550-24F(1)(e)]*.
3. Within Accessory Land Uses, applicable regulations are detailed for a 'Residential Accessory Structure' *[per § 550-56C]*.

Applicable regulations for a 'Residential Accessory Structure' land use include the following:

- A **conditional use permit** is required for:
 - Any combination of 'Residential Accessory Structures' that exceeds 1,000 square feet of gross floor area [per § 550-56C(1)(b)[1].
 - Any combination of 'Residential Accessory Structures' that exceeds the maximum accessory building coverage of the zoning district. [per § 550-56C(1)(b)[2].
- 4. Within the Single-Family Residential (SR-4) Zoning District, the maximum allowed height of an accessory structure 15 feet. [per § 550-24F(2)(i)].
- 5. Exceptions to Maximum Height Regulations are allowed under Section § 550-83C:
 - C. Any building or structure not otherwise accounted for by Subsection B above may exceed said maximum height regulations with the granting of a **conditional use permit** which specifically states the maximum permitted height of the proposed building or structure.
- 6. Building height for structures are defined under Section § 550-15:

Building Height:

The vertical distance from the lowest elevation of the adjoining ground level or the established grade, whichever is lower, to the top of the cornice of a flat roof, to the deckline of a mansard roof, to a point of the roof directly above the highest wall of a shed roof, to the uppermost point on a round or other arch-type roof, or to the midpoint distance of the highest gable on a pitched or hip roof. Unless excepted by specific provisions in this chapter, building height includes the height of any structures attached to a building.

WISCONSIN STATUTES:

All Conditional Use Permits are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Act 67.

Under 2017 Wisconsin Act 67: Section 16. 62.23 (7) (de) Conditional Use Permits.

1. 62.23 (7) (de)(1) In this paragraph:
 - a. "Conditional use" means a use allowed under a conditional use permit, special exception, or other special zoning permission issued by a city, but does not include a variance.
 - b. "Substantial evidence" means facts and information, other than merely personal preferences or speculation, directly pertaining to the requirements and conditions an applicant must meet to obtain a conditional use permit and that reasonable persons would accept in support of a conclusion.
2. 62.23 (7) (de)(2)
 - a. If an applicant for a conditional use permit meets or agrees to meet all of the requirements and conditions specified in the city ordinance or those imposed by the city zoning board, the city shall grant the conditional use permit. Any condition imposed must be related to the purpose of the ordinance and be based on substantial evidence.
 - b. The requirements and conditions described under subd. 2. a. must be reasonable and, to the extent practicable, measurable and may include conditions such as the permit's duration, transfer, or renewal. The applicant must demonstrate that the application and all requirements and conditions established by the city relating to the conditional use are or shall be satisfied, both of which must be supported by substantial evidence. The city's decision to approve or deny the permit must be supported by substantial evidence.
3. 62.23 (7) (de)(3)

Upon receipt of a conditional use permit application and following publication in the city of a class 2 notice under ch. 985, the city shall hold a public hearing on the application.
4. 62.23 (7) (de)(4)

Once granted, a conditional use permit shall remain in effect as long as the conditions upon which the permit was issued are followed, but the city may impose conditions such as the permit's duration, transfer, or renewal, in addition to any other conditions specified in the zoning ordinance or by the city zoning board.
5. 62.23 (7) (de)(5)

If a city denies a person's conditional use permit application, the person may appeal the decision to the circuit court under the procedures contained in par. (e) 10.

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PLAN COMMISSION DECISION:

Residential Accessory Structure CUP Criteria	Applicant Provided Substantial Evidence		Opponent Provided Substantial Evidence		PC Finds Standards Met	
A conditional use permit is required for any combination of 'Residential Accessory Structures' that exceeds 1,000 square feet of gross floor area.	<u>Yes</u>	No	Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
A conditional use permit is required for any combination of 'Residential Accessory Structures' that exceeds the maximum accessory building coverage of the zoning district.	<u>Yes</u>	No	Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No
A conditional use permit is required to exceed the maximum building height regulations.	<u>Yes</u>	No	Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	No

If Plan Commission answers "no" to any of the questions, above, the CUP must be denied. Otherwise, proceed to the conditions of approval.

PLAN COMMISSION OPTIONS:

The following are possible options for the Plan Commission:

1. Deny any or all of the three Conditional Use Permit, based on failure to provide substantial evidence to meet one or more of the regulatory standards.
2. Approve any or all of the Conditional Use Permits without conditions, based on successfully providing substantial evidence of regulatory compliance.
3. Approve any or all of the Conditional Use Permits with conditions as identified by the Plan Commission:
 - a. The CUP granted under § 550-83C shall state: The maximum height of the accessory structure (storage shed) shall be no more than 24ft.

STAFF RECOMENDATION:

- Staff recommends approval of these three Conditional Use Permits with conditions.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Application materials.