

## Christine Havelka

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This might not be proper procedure but I am not able to go to the meeting tonight and feel so strongly about this variance that I must send my thoughts.

The magnitude of this variance is incredible. It is not a minor 5 m2 uptick to the allowable limit but a full 112 m2 more than allowed.

The fact that the structure has already been built should have absolutely no bearing on the decision to allow or not allow. It has always been the responsibility of the owner/builder to research the requirements and follow the rules. The city does not bear the responsibility to "fix" the builder's mistakes.

**Think of the precedent this will set if it is approved. From this day forward, every builder/homeowner will go ahead and do whatever they like and apply for a variance after the fact, knowing that the city will grant it.**

If the city grants this variance and does not grant subsequent similar variances, there will likely be court battles based on the precedent this one has set.

It is long past time for the city to enforce the zoning and bylaws that are in place.

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