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Office of Planning and Development, City of Newburyport 60 Pleasant St Newburyport, MA 01950

Ms. Newhall-Smith,

I am writing to you today in order to request a modification to our approved special permit for non-conformities building plans at 81 Prospect Street, Newburyport MA. It is our goal to replace an exterior standard staircase with an exterior spiral staircase in the rear of our property.

Currently our plans call for a staircase to ground from a platform 14 feet from ground. The length of a straight staircase from this platform will extend over 16 feet from the wall of the addition structure. This will effectively cut our limited space backyard in half. We are requesting a small modification to the approved plans replacing this large staircase structure with an exterior spiral staircase that will have smaller footprint in our already limited backyard.

The exterior galvanized steel spiral staircase will have a 60 inch diameter from the 14 foot platform to ground. The spiral staircase will allow us to more effectively utilize our small backyard as well as have less impact visually from the rear of the property.

Attached are the plot layout of 81 Prospect St with the proposed addition modification. All drawings are to scale.

I appreciate your time and efforts in responding to this request.

Sincerely,