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Honorable Mayor and Common Council,

In August of 2009 I purchased a trailer with a deck at 10401 W Greenfield Ave Lot 18. After moving in, I was sent a notice that I needed to get a trailer permit. I applied for a trailer permit and then an inspection was done in order to get the permit. I received a letter on March 30, 2010 saying that I had built a deck without a permit. I called the building inspector and was told I would not get my trailer permit until this situation is resolved. I contacted the trailer park owner and he said that he would see what he could do to take care of the problem. About thirty days later I received my trailer permit and assumed everything was taken care of. Subsequently, I received a notice to appear in court for the deck with no permit. When I appeared in court, they gave me time to get information about how the deck was on the premises without a permit. I found out that the deck was built in 1986 by the original owner of the trailer because his wheelchair bound mother wanted access to the back yard. At the time the deck was constructed, permits were not being issued for decks in trailer parks. The owner of the trailer at that time was told by the city that he should get permission from the trailer park owner to build the deck, which he did and the deck was built. The original owner sold the property to the second owner in 1995 at which time the second owner had to apply for a trailer permit. At no time was he questioned about or required to get a permit for the deck. I appeared in court a second time to give the judge this information. At this hearing I asked the Judge if I could get a variance and have the deck permitted as a pre-existing, non-conforming structure. The building inspector stood up and said that may be a possibility but he was stopped by the city attorney who said, "I want a trial right now." The Judge proceeded with the trial and was going to fine me \$3200.00 for having a deck without a permit. After further discussion the Judge gave me some time to send him a letter explaining what's going to happen. I am requesting that because this deck has been here for twenty five years, twenty four years before I purchased the property, that the deck be permitted as a pre-existing, non-conforming structure. There have been no complaints in the twenty five years from neighbors or the city about this deck. If necessary I would like to appear in person to facilitate getting this permit. I am on disability and have no funds to either change the deck or remove the the deck. Could you please notify me with your response so that I can get a letter to the Judge by April 15, 2011.

Thank you for your time.

**Sincerely,
Lynette Tesmer**

**My address: 10401 W Greenfield Ave Lot 18
West Allis, WI 53214**

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