


December 7, 1949

Mr. Herman Schmier
Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals
2815 Barlum Tower
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Friend:

Pursuant to your request at the meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals on December 6th, I am herewith sending to you a suggested correction in the proposed new Zoning Ordinance, as discussed at our joint meeting held at the Book Cadillac Hotel recently, covering Section 4.5. The section reads as follows:

"Where a lot abuts upon an alley, one-half the width of the said alley may be considered as a part of such plot for the purpose of computing the area of such plot, and for the purpose of computing the depth of any rear yard required under this Ordinance."

It is requested that this particular section be amended to read as follows:

"Where a lot plot abuts upon an alley or alleys, one-half of the width of the said alley or alleys may be considered as a part of such plot for the purpose of computing the area of such plot, and for the purpose of computing the depth of any rear yard required under this Ordinance."

This change has been suggested so that the side alleys as well as the rear alleys may be given consideration for lot area in the construction of dwelling structures and was concurred in in the present policy of computation for lot area by Mr. A. L. Barkey, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Yours truly,


John V. McClain

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