

Code Enforcement-Housing Code Board of Appeals  
City of Cedar Rapids  
Wednesday, February 5, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Al Aossey, Amanda Burns, Sarah Coleman, Garry Grimm, Claudette Roby, Craig Stump, & Jim Thatcher

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

INSPECTORS PRESENT:

Lucas Pump

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin Ciabatti Ray Nees

Housing Code Board of Appeals was called to order on Wednesday February 5, 2014 at 3:05 pm in the Five Seasons Conference Room at the City Services Center located at 500 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.

Claudette Roby moved to accept the June 26, 2013 minutes as reviewed. Sarah Coleman seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

H-1-2014-Emily Pearson, 3038 E Avenue NE

Lucas stated the property in question is a branch service from house to garage-private party line. 120 volts live on a 15 amp circuit, 14 gauge wire- which could be buried or raised to 10 feet.

Lucas Pump recited the IPMC 605.1 stating Electrical service entry lacks proper clearance from the ground. The minimum vertical clearances shall be over 10ft over walking surfaces- 12ft over driveways-18ft over public streets, alleys or roads. This must be remedied by a licensed contractor.

Emily Pearson had the house inspected before she purchased in 2005 and stated she never had any issues with the low wire and stated the garage door was a manual garage door and if the wire was removed-did not believe it would diminish the value of the home, however the garage did supply a security light.

Jim Thatcher stated he drove by the house before attending the meeting today and did find other homes in the area had low hanging wires as well. However the board can't waive code. Jim Thatcher wanted a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion from an electrical inspector.

Electrical Inspector-Dave Rickels was brought into the meeting who reviewed the photos and stated if an electrician was there to do a service change-the raising of low hanging wires would be recommended to fix and would suggest when warmer weather arrived-it should be worked on by a licensed electrician.

Garry Grimm stated that he has been a landlord for the past 30 years and while other properties around this rental may look the same-the fact that this property is rental and that the owner has been made aware of the issue by an inspector citing the violation-is even more apparent that the violation be remedied so that the owner, and the board are not held responsible in the future if an accident occurs.

Jim Thatcher moved to require Emily Pearson to comply with code or remove the wiring by a deadline date of April 30, 2014. Seconded by Amanda Burns. All ayes. Motion carried.

Al Aosse moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sarah Coleman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.