



# Operation Fresh Start, Inc.

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To the City of Madison Plan Commission:

Operation Fresh Start, Inc. (OFS) has an accepted offer to purchase 620 Cedar Street—the closing is scheduled for April 16, 2008. This house was severely damaged by a fire on December 30, 2007 (please see accompanying Fire Department news releases). The existing single-family home is a one-story bungalow style, built in 1922, with 772 square feet of living space and a 6 ½ foot in height basement. Behind the house is a one-car garage.

The inside of the house was thoroughly destroyed. The exterior walls have extensive structural damage where the fire burned through the wall to the outside (please see accompanying photographs). We do not feel that the house is salvageable, and request permission to raze the existing structure and replace it with a new one-story, single-family home that would be sold in the affordable market.

The new structure would be 1,120 square feet with two bedrooms, 1 bath, and a full (8 foot in height) basement with egress windows that would make it very easy to add more living space. The original basement is concrete block in some disrepair. The new foundation would be poured concrete with water proofing, sump pump, and integrated drainage system. The front of the new house would be moved forward on the site to be in line with the houses on either side. Our intention would be to have this home completed and available for sale to an income-qualified buyer by early summer, 2009.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (608) 244-4721.

Sincerely,

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