



# Operation Fresh Start, Inc.

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To the City of Madison Plan Commission:

Operation Fresh Start, Inc. (OFS) is in the process of purchasing a single story, 920 sq. ft. single family residence at 2553 Upham St. This past winter, a serious fire resulted in major structural damage to this house, and it is currently sitting vacant and boarded up. Close to half of the structural components of the house have suffered significant fire damage, water damage is widespread, and virtually all of the interior is heavily coated in black soot due to smoke. It does not seem financially practical to repair this damage.

OFS requests a demolition permit to raze the existing structure and to rebuild a new, identical home of the same size on the existing foundation. We will attempt to duplicate both the interior room layout and the exterior appearance of the original house as closely as possible. The only alteration that we propose is to replace the existing outside entrance into the basement with an interior set of stairs in the same location. The basement currently has no interior access.

If a demolition permit is approved, our intention would be to immediately apply for a building permit, and to begin demolition and the subsequent construction as soon as we are able.

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OFS Housing Developer

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