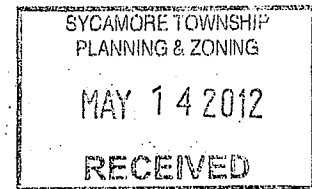


May 14, 2012

Mary C. Taylor
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RE: Property Information
BEECH AVE 45 X 123
LOTS 502-503 BEECHWOOD
SUB PARS 334-335 CONS

Dear Sycamore Township Board of Zoning Appeals:

Please accept this letter of request for a variance with regard to the denial of my zoning permit for my fence, which replaces an old chain link fence. This variance is for **Section 10-7.1 Height and Open Face Area in Front and Side Yard**. First, I must state that I thought I had submitted the appropriate applications and requirements prior to installing the fence. I would never have continued with the construction if I had known I was in violation. As soon as I was notified of the Zoning Laws violation, I took immediate action to correct the situation.

Living on a corner lot poses some unusual situations. First, but certainly not the least, is security. I feel being so open to the street presents a serious safety risk to me and my property. I am a single, woman, living alone. My house has been burglarized twice. Of the first six houses going west on Woodlawn, four houses are empty, and in particular, the house directly behind me has been vacant for approximately ten years. I have the right to a safe environment in which to live. I feel that my fence affords me much-needed security. Both of my gates have key locks.

My request is not asking for special privileges, as there are several corner properties within blocks of my property that have privacy fences around their backyards. When choosing a fence, I specifically chose a fence with the top two feet being constructed of pickets so as to not feel completely closed in. The fence I chose is aesthetically pleasing and adds to the value of not only my property but the neighborhood as well. All feedback I have received in my area is very favorable. Many people stop and ask me where I got my fence and even take pictures of it.

The reasons I wanted the more solid privacy-type fence are for privacy, security and my dogs. I have two small Pomahuahua dogs I adopted from a rescue that are only 8 and 9 pounds. To my surprise, Baxter is a jumper and easily jumped the three-foot pen he was in before I installed the fence. Oliver on the other hand is so small that he can walk right through an open-face fence.

In conclusion, I am truly sorry for the trouble this situation has caused. Please know that I would never have knowingly circumvented the system. This fence was not cheap to install and would present a financial burden on me to have to replace it at this point. I went to the added expense of finding a unique and beautiful fence to enhance my property and suit my needs. Therefore, I respectfully request that you consider granting my variance as alterations after the fact would simply be very expensive and would be a burden to my financial situation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary C. Taylor".

Mary C. Taylor