

### Description:

We are requesting to install a wood stockade fence in the Garfield Avenue right-of-way one foot from the sidewalk (we already have the easement agreement with the city). The proposed fence would be 4.5 feet tall for the length of the house and then would transition to 6 feet tall from the rear of the house to the driveway.

The fence variance we are applying for is to allow a 6 foot fence from the rear of the house to the driveway and garage.

### Fence Exemption Reasons

1. Whether strict application of the code would create a hardship to the property owner;
  - With a young family, we are interested in providing safety and security from the busyness of an unenclosed yard. With an addition of a 6 foot fence in the rear of the house, we can enjoy our backyard without pedestrians viewing or intruding. We live on an extremely busy road. One reason for this request was an armed robbery of a corner house a few blocks south from us around 4 years ago. They had a fence for their backyard but it wasn't 6 feet tall so people were able to see them in their backyard. We would like to be able to feel safe and secure in our yard.
2. Whether the hardship results from conditions which are unique to the property, or unusual in comparison to the properties to which the code is generally applicable; and
  - Being on a corner lot and close to North Ave. (restaurants/shops) and Washington Elementary School, we frequently have cars parked along Garfield Ave providing minimal privacy. This doesn't allow us to feel like our yard is private with people constantly coming and going from their cars to go to North Ave.
3. Whether the application of the exception will be consistent with the intent of the ordinance and not impair public safety.
  - From the drawing, the fence will be 4.5 feet from the length of the house along Garfield Ave. slowly tapering to 6 feet along the rear of the house. The fence will be set back enough to not impair visibility of the intersection of N. 69th St as well as one foot from the sidewalk per approved easement application from 2022.