

Variance Justification:

In order to justify approval of any variance, the Board of Zoning Adjustment considers the following criteria. Please answer all of the following items. Use additional sheets if needed. A response of yes, no, or N/A is not acceptable.

1. Explain how the variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare.

Allowing for a higher fence along Macon Ave will ensure that our two dogs are unable to escape over the fence, which would be a real concern at the 4 ft. requirement. Containing our dogs contributes to the safety of our neighbors as well as our animals.

2. Explain how the variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.

6 foot wooden privacy fence is professionally installed and consistent with the style of many others in the neighborhood, including on other corner lots. In the opinion of the homeowner, the 6 foot wooden privacy fence is an asthetic upgrade over the chain link installed by previous owners.

3. Explain how the variance will not cause a hazard or a nuisance to the public.

The additional 2 feet above the allowable 4 feet does not block any public points of interest or obstruct any of the views of surrounding residents. There are no homes on Macon Avenue with a front door facing Macon Ave, as such, our 6 foot privacy fence can be reasonably viewed as a back

4. Explain how the variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the requirements of the zoning regulations.

Allowing the additional 2 ft fence height along Macon Ave keeps a uniform look to the fence and imparts no burden on any other parties.

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Additional consideration:

1. Explain how the variance arises from special circumstances, which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity (please specify/identify).

We have 2 dogs that would be very capable of jumping a 4 foot fence. In the interest of their containment, we put up the 6 ft fence.

2. Explain how the strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create unnecessary hardship.

Homeowners installed the fence primarily as a containment for their 2 dogs, out of consideration for neighbors. Enforcing the 4 ft height restriction on the Macon Ave side would negate the containment of the dogs, not allowing homeowners to periodically let dogs outside without intense supervision.

3. Are the circumstances the result of actions of the applicant taken subsequent to the adoption of the regulation from which relief is sought?

Homeowners installed fence after the adoption of this regulation. Homeowners hired contractor to professionally install fence; contractor did not mention height requirements.

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