

Lot 11, block 7; Mallridge Subdivision

We have lived in our present home for slightly over a year. On January 1, 2005, a truck lost control and ran through the fence that encompasses our back yard. The fence was old and weather beaten so we decided to replace the entire fence. The replaced fence is in the same location and at the same approximate height as the old one. It was a great improvement to the yard.



We received word on May 23 that our fence was 1) in the public right of way and 2) was too high. We are in the process of correcting the location of the fence but are requesting that we be allowed to keep it the same height as it is presently.

We are making this request because the fence surrounds our back yard. Since our backyard fronts North Haines Ave. it is technically considered a front yard. It is, however, obviously the yard behind our house and we use it as a back yard, complete with deck, garden, grill and clothesline. The 5 1/2 - 6 foot height (which is allowable for a backyard) provides the privacy and protection that we desire. To lower the fence to 4 foot would greatly diminish both privacy and protection.

We are making this request because our yard fronts North Haines Avenue, a busy and major thoroughway for our community. Our desire for the privacy and protection that a fence this height provides is enhanced because of this busy road.

We are making this request because the surface of North Haines Avenue is approximately 5 foot higher than our yard. To lower the fence to four foot will greatly diminish its usefulness.



(notice the road height compared to the fence)



(from road level)

For these reasons we are asking that you allow us to keep the fence at its current height.

Thank you,
Stephen and Judi Mechem