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**FENCE HEIGHT EXCEPTION AT 1418 NTH 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET--  
LOT 25 OF BLOCK 7 NORTHERN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION,  
SECTION 25, T2N, R7E, RAPID CITY, PENNINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
FILE#07FV008**

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am writing in response to the notice that was sent to me regarding the above-mentioned fence.

I live at **1422 Nth 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Lot 24 of Block 7 Northern Heights Subdivision, Section 25, 2N 07E** which is the adjacent property bordering this property to the north.

The fence is only approximately 12 inches in from the edge of the sidewalk. It runs parallel to our driveway and it is a hazard as it obstructs the view of any vehicle backing out of our driveway.

I am fearful for any pedestrian walking, or children riding bikes on the sidewalk, as they may not see the vehicles leaving the driveway and the driver cannot see over the fence to watch for pedestrians or bicyclist.

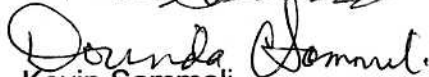
In order to have a clear view of any traffic coming north bound on North 7<sup>th</sup> Street the driver of the vehicle must have his rear wheels on the sidewalk. Therefore, a pedestrian or child unable to see the vehicle backing out could get hit.

I would suggest that the height of the fence in this area be reduced to four feet to afford pedestrians and children a safe place to walk and ride their bikes and drivers backing out of my driveway a clear view of the sidewalk and the street.

On the very day they installed this fence, there was a vehicle accident right in front of my home due to someone backing out of my driveway and unable to see the vehicle coming down North 7<sup>th</sup> Street. I feel that this could be avoided in the future if they reduce the fence height. It would also avoid any potential lawsuits.

I **do not** feel that this fence should remain at the 6 foot height.

Sincerely,



Kevin Sammeli  
Dorinda Sammeli

cc - Public Works Committee