

Growth Management Department
City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City SD 57701-2724

RE: Exception to Fence Height Requirements

I am applying for an exception to the fence height requirements as stated in the Rapid City, SD Code of Ordinances 15.40.020. I would like to install a 5 foot privacy fence with a 1 foot spindle top adjacent to Kyle Street for approximately 50 feet of my property.

The ordinance restricts the height of the fence to 4 feet along Kyle Street. I have a large size dog, in which a 4 foot fence would not keep her contained within my property. With the development of the Vicki Powers Playground and Park on the south side of my property, there will be an increase in activity, noise, and traffic. A proposed dog park is also included in the Vicki Powers Park. I feel a 6 foot fence is needed to screen out that activity from my dog. There is an empty field adjacent to the south of my property with direct site to the park.

A 6 foot fence is also needed for my privacy. Traffic has been increasing with the new housing developments in the area and will continue to increase with the completion of the playground and park. Any car that turns north on to Kyle Street from Kathryn Street faces directly to my backyard. At night, headlights from every turning car shine in my bedroom window. We have no developed trees in the area to help with any privacy or protection. There are several people that walk their dogs to the easement that is adjacent to my property to let them "do their business." This area is not maintained, except by me. It is unsightly and degrades the look of my property. The presence of these other dogs also excites my dog and I am unable to leave her unattended.

As stated in ordinance 15.40.050, exceptions to height requirements may be approved if the exception is not contrary to the public interest and will not be injurious to the surrounding neighborhood. My request meets these standards. My request does not obstruct any views for my neighbors, or for traffic, and containing my dog will benefit all.

I thank you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Machelle M Knoll", followed by the date "6-25-09".

Machelle M Knoll
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