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TO: City of Rapid City

FROM: Stephen & Angela Hall

DATE: June 24, 2010

SUBJECT: Exception to Fence Height Requirements

To All it May Concern,

Beginning June 10, 2010, we have been in the process of building a 6 foot privacy fence in the backyard of our property at 802 E. Iowa Street. This fence is being built for three reasons: first and foremost to offer more protection and privacy for our children to be outside playing in the yard, to help prevent our dogs from barking at pedestrians who happen to walk by the property, and finally to potentially increase the market value of the home.

On June 22, 2010 we received a stop work notice on the fence. Upon discussing the notice with the Development Services Center, we were told that since the property is a corner lot the fence on the west side of the house is 2 feet higher than normally allowed. This letter is to request an exception to the fence height requirement, and allow us to complete the fence at the 6 foot level. We understand that the height requirement is to ensure that fences do not obstruct the view of drivers to see oncoming traffic. Since the fence is 8 feet from the sidewalk, the potential obstruction would not be an issue in this case. Also, since we do have a dog placing the fence from the sidewalk, and making the fence opaque will limit the dog barking leading to a more peaceful neighborhood.


Along with this letter we have included pictures of the fence; these are included for different reasons. First, to show evidence that the fence would not obstruct public view since it is not close enough to the sidewalk or street corner. Second, to show other corner lots in the area which are exceptions to the height restriction and are already completed and obstruct public view more than our project. Since the fence is already under construction we request the exception be approved, allowing us to complete the project.

Respectfully,

Stephen P. Hall



Angela Hall



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