

## LETTER OF INTENT

To Whom It May Concern:

I am asking that the Public Works Committee and the City Council approve my request of a fence height variance. I currently live at 1477 Edinborough Drive in Rapid City, and have recently had a contractor put up a 6' tall privacy fence around my back yard (please see the enclosed plat). This fence was placed for several reasons:

1. Catron Blvd. runs directly behind my home. The fence provides me and my family with privacy as well as a noise barrier.
2. I have dogs which require some running room and I did not want them to escape from a chain and end up hurting themselves.
3. The fence is aesthetically pleasing, and I have received several comments about how nice it looks from my neighbors.

Furthermore, I did not seek a variance before building the fence as I was misinformed about the need to get approval for the fence in that location. I was also unaware that the front of the property included anywhere a street was located, instead of where the entrance was. So technically my home has three front yards; one off of Wellington Drive, one off of Edinborough Drive, and one off of Catron Blvd. opposed to the one where my entrance is on Edinborough Drive.

I completely understand the purpose of the ordinance within the city limits of Rapid City. However, I can assure you, there are absolutely no visibility restrictions which could be caused by my fence at the location of the turning areas (please see the enclosed pictures of the fence and the surrounding area).

Finally, the cost of taking the fence out or to reduce the height to 4' would be too expensive and I was told to go ahead and have the fence finished while I was waiting for approval of this request by the professionals within the Development Services Center.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to look into the approval of my fence height exception.

Respectfully Yours,



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