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RAPID CITY COUNCIL AND RAPID CITY PLANNING

SUBJECT: Variance for 2106 Elmhurst

I urge the Rapid City Council to deny the request for a fence variance on 2106 Elmhurst for the following reasons:

- 1) Elmhurst is a very narrow street that intersects Minnekahta Drive at a sharp curve in Minnekahta Drive. Any obstruction at that intersection would increase the probability of both vehicular and pedestrian accidents.
- 2) There are no sidewalks on the property for pedestrians.
- 3) All applicable setbacks should be observed.
- 4) That section of Minnekahta Drive has no wood fenced front yards.
- 5) The height, location and wood construction is entirely out of character for the neighborhood.

Sincerely,



3815 Minnekahta Dr.
Rapid City, SD 57702
November 10, 2001

City of Rapid City
Planning Dept. and City Council
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

To whom it may concern,

We received a notice for a fence height variance for 2106 Elmhurst Dr. Our residence is 3815 Minnekahta Dr. Legal description is Block 1 Lot 8 Minnekahta subdivision. Our property is an owner occupied single family residence.

We have lived here for 35 years and are very concerned about safety and liability for the city if a fence were to limit visibility. Minnekahta Dr. has for years been a short cut to Stevens High. During the school year, before and after school, there is a stream of cars speeding up Minnekahta. Most of them turn at the corner and proceed up Elmhurst. Since Elmhurst is a very narrow street it is impossible to turn right on Elmhurst from Minnekahta if there are any vehicles waiting to turn on to Minnekahta from Elmhurst. The vehicle on Minnekahta must come to a complete stop and wait for the other vehicle to make the turn. This is the corner where the proposed fence would be located.

Also since this residence currently has a 6 foot wood fence completely around the back and side yard; adding a fence to include the front yard would be very unsightly.

We are opposed to granting this variance for the above reasons.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Rickert
Carol Rickert

Joseph and Carol Rickert

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