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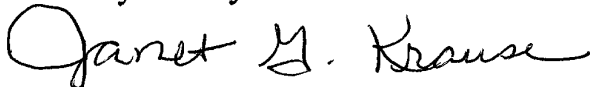
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the to the Privacy Fence between the Kirk Funeral Home and the housing of the Dakota Ridge Development. I was in fact the person who worked diligently to have this privacy fence installed.

As I told anyone and everyone, this privacy fence would be wanted no matter what the business...funeral home or convenience store. But because it is a funeral home, it is an even greater area of sensitivity. Because visitations and funerals can be held any time of the day, often in the evenings especially, we are very uncomfortable being on our decks and in our yards as mourners gather. We feel like we am intruding on their grief. I would also ask that you put yourselves in our place in the situation of warm weather and when the mourners are greeting friends and family as we BBQ or are entertaining in full view of them. Before the fence, I remember one day in particular also, when family or friends arrived "early" or were waiting for other members as I hung out my wash. Whenever I looked up I would even see them watching because they were in the end parking space. I think everyone was just uncomfortable.

Finally, if the fence is lowered in height, I do not believe it will afford the same privacy. Because of the terrain of the parking lot and our yards, we once again will be "out in the open". Even as is, my neighbor whose deck is on a higher level must retreat to ground level for their privacy but at least there the do have privacy. When I see this type of fence throughout the town on private residence's property, I wonder why this one would need to be lowered. It was put in to afford the privacy wanted and does not cause a driving hazard leaving the parking lot as it sits back from the street. Lowering it would only defeat its intended purpose. Therefore, I am asking that the fence remain as is.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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April 8, 2003

I am a resident of Dakota Ridge and a neighbor to Kirk Funeral Home. Between our properties is a six-foot fence used as a visual barrier between our residence and the business adjacent to us. I understand that City Code requires that the fence be no more than 48" in height. I am requesting that the fence be allowed to remain at its current height, as a lower height would not function the same as a visual barrier to help provide privacy to our home.

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