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We were instructed by Code Enforcement to repair our fence. I called and asked the height limits for the fencing. I was told we could have a 6' high fence along the alley and a 4' high fence along Milwaukee Street. So we removed the boards from the existing fence and put up pre-made fence panels attaching them to the existing posts. The fence that had been there was 5' high all the way around. After we had put up the panels we were informed that the fence in the alley needed to be lowered to 4' high 25' back from Milwaukee Street.

We would like to apply for the fence height exception for the 6' high fence in the alley. We would like it to be allowed as a sound barrier for our back yard from the alley. Also it would help keep down the dust and garbage from blowing into our back yard. Due to the way the ground drops off at the back of our property in order to lower the back fence to the 4' height we would have to make it a foot lower than the 4' high fence that runs along Milwaukee Street. Doing so would make the fence look very odd and not very appealing. It would be very jagged looking. We placed the fence exactly where the original fence had been and the fence height along the alley is only 1 foot higher than it had been. So the line of sight for pulling out of the alley has not been altered to any significant degree. The fence is far enough back from the alley entrance as to allow good visibility for entering or exiting the alley.

Thank you for considering this application.

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