

Dear City Council,

We are writing this letter to petition the council for a privacy fence for our back yard. We live at 3504 Lawrence Dr. It is on the corner of Haines Ave and North Ridge Dr. Because of the stop sign on the corner of North Ridge Dr., we are asked to write this letter stating why we would like to put up a privacy fence. <sup>4 ft.</sup>

The existing fence is a 4 foot chain link fence. It is located 30 feet from the road and 18 feet from the sidewalk on Haines Ave. When you stop at the sign, our fence is completely out of view. There would be no obstruction from the fence in watching for on coming traffic at the stop sign.

Our back yard faces Haines Ave., it is a very busy road. The sidewalk on both Northridge Dr., and Haines Ave. is very heavily used day and night. With this fence, we would be able to enjoy the back yard with our kids, block some of the traffic noise, and protect our dogs from people walking by.

Some of the reasons we would like to put up a privacy fence instead of our existing 4 foot chain link fence, is we have three children, whom two are under the age of four, and want to play outside. Our concern is that our children, and our stuff ( kids toys, and other property) are in reach from people walking by with the existing existing chain link fence. Which is dangerous given the amount of foot traffic on Haines, and North Ridge Dr. sidewalks. We also have two Doberman dogs that have been teased by people walking by, and even poisoned. Due to this teasing of people kicking at the fence, and throwing things at them, it has made the dogs lunge and growl at people walking by. We do not want our dogs aggressive with anyone. Or someone being bit! By trying to mess with our children, or our property . Another reasons we would like this fence is that when we have barbecues, or are out in the yard with our kids, people are honking, or hollering obscenities at us. It is intolerable.

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We have visited with our adjacent neighbors as to our plans with petitioning the City Council about the fence. They are in agreement with us. They also agree as well, that the fence is far enough away from the line of view at the stop sign, and that there is no obstruction in watching for on coming traffic. We hope the Council will take this all into consideration when meeting on this matter. Thank you for reading this letter as to our plans in building a privacy fence.

Thank you

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