

# BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Gary Abitheira, Chair, Teresa Brooks Matthew Dziurman, Sande Frisen 500 W. Big Beaver Troy, MI 48084 (248) 524-3344 www.troymi.gov planning@troymi.gov

#### June 4, 2025

3:00 PM

**Council Chambers** 

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 7, 2025
- 3. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>

A. <u>VARIANCE REQUEST, 505 LEETONIA, ERIN DZEROOGIAN</u> -This property consists of a corner lot. According to the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance, it qualifies as a corner lot with front lot lines along both Leetonia and Tallman. The property is located within the R-1C zoning district which requires a front yard setback of 30 feet, along both Leetonia and Tallman, where the zoning ordinance limits fence height to 30 inches (2.5 feet). The petitioner is seeking a fence height variance for the installation of a 6 feet high, vinyl, **replacement**, privacy fence. This fence is proposed to match the existing wood privacy fence 6 feet height and location of 12 feet away from the Tallman property line. The fence is proposed to run 81 feet along Tallman and return 18 feet, along the rear property line adjacent to the side yard of 4307 Tallman and return another 18 feet to the southeast corner of the house for a total variance length of 6 feet high vinyl privacy fence of 117 feet in the Tallman designated front yard. Of the total 276 feet of fence requested, 159 feet of the fence complies with zoning regulations and does not require a variance.

## CHAPTER 83 FENCE CODE

B. <u>VARIANCE REQUEST, 4368 VIRGILIA, VIN PANDEY</u> - This property consists of a corner lot. According to the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance, it qualifies as a corner lot with front lot lines along both Virgilia and Webb. The property is located within the R-1B zoning district which requires a front yard setback of 40 feet, along both Virgilia and Webb, where the zoning ordinance limits fence height to 30 inches (2.5 feet). The petitioner is seeking a fence height variance for the installation of a proposed new 6 feet high vinyl privacy fence placed 25 feet from the Webb property line. There is a 5 feet sidewalk easement with installed sidewalk on the homeowner's property along both streets as well. The fence is proposed to run 74 feet along Webb and return 15 feet, along the rear property line adjacent to the side yard of 210 Webb, for a total variance length of 6 feet high vinyl privacy fence of 89 feet in the Webb designated front yard. Of the total 237.5 feet of fence requested, 148.5 feet of the fence complies with zoning regulations and does not require a variance.

#### CHAPTER 83 FENCE CODE

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- 4. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 6. <u>MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</u>
- 7. ADJOURNMENT

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Chair Abitheira called the Regular meeting of the Building Code Board of Appeals to order at 3:00 p.m. on May 7, 2025 in the Council Chamber of Troy City Hall.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

<u>Present</u> Gary Abitheira Teresa Brooks Matthew Dziurman Sande Frisen

<u>Absent</u> Frank Nastasi, City Manager

<u>Also Present</u> Dominic Abate, Residential Plans Examiner/Building Inspector Kathy L. Czarnecki, Recording Secretary

#### 2. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> – December 4, 2024

Moved by: Dziurman Support by: Frisen

**RESOLVED**, To approve the minutes of December 4, 2024 Regular meeting as submitted.

Yes: All present (4) Absent: Nastasi

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## 3. <u>HEARING OF CASES</u>

A. <u>VARIANCE REQUEST, 5465 WHITEHAVEN DRIVE, AMY LOSEY</u> – This property consists of a corner lot. According to the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance, it qualifies as a corner lot with front lot lines along both Whitehaven and Falmouth. The property is located within the R-1B zoning district which requires a front setback of 40 feet along both Whitehaven and Falmouth. The petitioner is seeking a variance for the installation of a proposed new wood privacy fence which would be 6 feet in height and placed 1 foot away from the Falmouth property line. The fence is proposed to run 95 feet along Falmouth and return approximately 43 feet back toward the southeast corner of the house and another 39 feet along the rear property line adjacent to the side yard of 5478 Falmouth for a total variance length of 6 feet high wood privacy fence height to 30 inches (2.5 feet). The remaining proposed 157 feet of 6 feet high wood privacy fence is in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. *CHAPTER 83 FENCE CODE* 

Mr. Abate read the variance request narrative. He addressed the location of the property line and sidewalk and the public comment received by the department from the public notice.

Petitioner Amy Losey, employed by the City of Troy Police Department, shared that she was recently awarded the position of canine handler. She said the dog is 77 pounds and can easily reach over a 4 foot high fence. Ms. Losey said a 6 foot high fence would offer safety and protection for both her dog and walkers and bikers along the sidewalk. Ms. Losey stated she is changing her request to place the fence 10 feet from the Falmouth property line. She addressed the fence material and her intent to plant landscaping between the fence and sidewalk. Ms. Losey said the fence would also offer a secure environment for the patrol vehicle parked in the garage. Ms. Losey said she spoke with neighbors, and it appears a majority are in support of the fence.

There was discussion on:

- Information and pictures submitted with the request.
- Fence material; material preference of the petitioner is wood.
- 25 foot triangular vision corner clearance along Falmouth.
- Pedestrian garage door in relation to fence placement.
- Uniqueness of the subject property.

#### PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

• Carl Simancik, 5464 Whitehaven; said a metal/iron fence would be more aesthetically-pleasing, suggested to place the fence posts inside of the fence, addressed concern with traffic, agreed placement of the fence 10 feet from Falmouth is better than one foot as noticed.

#### PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Discussion among Board members:

- View of the fence with a 10 feet setback because of the lot layout.
- Size/dimensions of the back yard.
- Uniqueness of lot because of the curvature along the property line.
- 25 foot triangular vision corner clearance.
- Public comment; majority in support, one comment addressed fence material.
- Board in agreement support posts should be placed inside the fence.
- Consideration of petitioner's occupation/assignment to provide home for canine.
- Consideration of moving the fence further from Whitehaven away from the corner of the garage, due to the amount of space between the garage side door and corner of garage.

Moved by: Frisen Support by: Brooks

**RESOLVED**, To **grant** a 30 feet fence variance request to install a 6 feet high wood privacy fence 10 feet from the Falmouth property line for 5465 Whitehaven Drive. Additionally, a 25 feet triangular vision corner clearance from both property lines at the southwest corner of the property to allow a greater site line for the neighboring driveway. Further the fence posts shall be set to the inside of the fence and careful consideration shall be addressed by the applicant to move the fence away from the southeast garage corner to open the site line from Whitehaven further, for the following reasons:

- a. The exceptional characteristics of the property make compliance with Chapter 83 substantially more difficult.
- b. Because the petitioner does not have a full 100 feet in the back corner makes it a unique condition of this property.

#### Discussion on the motion on the floor.

Mr. Dziurman asked Board members to consider a 15 foot setback off the sidewalk to follow the property all the way across in lieu of the required triangular 25 foot cut corner clearance.

It was determined that option would limit the size of the petitioner's back yard to 73 feet.

Mr. Abate said with one member absent, a majority vote would be three out of the four members present; a tie vote would be a denial.

Vote on the motion on the floor.

Yes:	Abitheira, Brooks, Frisen
No:	Dziurman
Absent:	Nastasi

#### **MOTION CARRRIED**

B. VARIANCE REQUEST, 2107 CHANCERY AVENUE, ZACHARY MOREY – This property consists of a corner lot. According to the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance, it qualifies as a corner lot with front lot lines along both Chancery and Edith. The property is located within the R-1D zoning district which requires a front setback of 25 feet along both Chancery and Edith. The petitioner is seeking a variance for the installation of a proposed new wood privacy fence which would be 6 feet in height and placed 7 feet away from the Edith property line. The fence is proposed to run 85 feet along Edith and return 18 feet back toward the west side of the house and another 18 feet along the rear property line adjacent to the rear yard of 2106 Burdic for a total variance length of 6 feet high wood privacy fence of 121 feet in the Edith front yard, where the Zoning Ordinance limits fence height to 30 inches (2.5 feet) or under the exception of a common rear yard relationship of corner lots in the same block, a non-obscuring

fence no greater than 48 inches in height may be installed. Of the total 252 feet of fence requested, 131 feet of the fence complies with zoning regulations and does not require a variance. *CHAPTER 83 FENCE CODE* 

Mr. Abate read the variance request narrative. He said the department received no public comment from the public notice.

Petitioner Zachary Morey said a 6 foot fence would provide security and safety for their two young boys and dog. He said it is their preference for a wood fence because that is what they had at their former home, and they believe it would be a better fit with the neighborhood. Mr. Morey said they would place the support posts on the inside of the fence. He said they would like to keep the existing water spigot inside of the fence and keep as much of the back yard as possible. Mr. Morey addressed the existing trees and bushes along Edith and said they are mindful of the sight line for pedestrian traffic.

There was discussion on:

- Information and pictures submitted with the request.
- Setback of existing vegetation; approximately 4 to 5 feet off the property line.
- Petitioner flexible on fence setback from the property line.
- Existing setbacks of fences in neighborhood.
- Required front yard setback in R-1D zoning district.
- Neighborhood has no sidewalks.
- Municipal water and sewer on site.
- Fence placement in relationship to the property to the rear (2106 Chancery).

## PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Terry Hart, 2165 Chancery; said there appears to be no issue with the sight line of visibility for vehicular traffic.

## PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Moved by: Brooks Support by: Frisen

**RESOLVED**, To **grant** the 18 feet fence variance request to install a 6 feet high wood privacy fence 7 feet from the west property line, in the front yard adjacent to Edith for 2107 Chancery Avenue, for the following reasons:

- a. There are exceptional characteristics of the property that make compliance with Chapter 83 substantially more difficult.
- b. The characteristics of the property are related to the premises for which the variance is sought.
- c. The request is not of a personal nature.

- d. The hardship was not created by the current property owner.
- e. The variance does not seem to be harmful or alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

Yes: All present (4) Absent: Nastasi

#### **MOTION CARRRIED**

C. VARIANCE REQUEST, 4368 VIRGILIA, VIN PANDEY – This property consists of a corner lot. According to the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance, it qualifies as a corner lot with front lot lines along both Virgilia and Webb. The property is located within the R-1B zoning district which requires a front setback of 40 feet along both Virgilia and Webb. There is a 5 feet sidewalk easement with installed sidewalk on the homeowner's property along both streets as well. The petitioner is seeking a variance for the installation of a proposed new wood vinyl privacy fence which would be 6 feet in height and placed 5 feet away from the Webb sidewalk for a total of 10 feet from the Webb property line. The fence is proposed to run 74 feet along Webb and return 30 feet in the designated front yard along the rear property line adjacent to the side yard of 210 Webb for a total variance length of 6 feet high wood privacy fence of 104 feet in the Webb pronet yard, where the Zoning Ordinance limits fence height to 30 inches (2.5 feet). Of the total 252.5 feet of fence requested, 148.5 feet of the fence complies with zoning regulations and does not require a variance. CHAPTER 83 FENCE CODE

Mr. Abate read the variance request narrative. He corrected the narrative to read the petitioner is proposing a 6 foot high vinyl fence. He said the department received no public comment from the public notice.

Petitioner Vin Pandey said a 6 foot high fence would provide privacy for his home. He addressed the unkempt condition of his neighbor's back yard to the rear. Mr. Pandey said the back of his home is nearly all glass and the view of his neighbor's yard is quite visible and unsightly. Mr. Pandey also addressed the exposure of his home to the public when cars park along Webb.

There was discussion on:

- Information and pictures submitted with the request.
- Petitioner is not certain existing arborvitae will remain.
- Sidewalk (5 foot) easement on subject property.
- Width of property; approximately 104 feet.
- 25 foot triangular vision corner clearance.
- Potential to landscape in lieu of fence to provide privacy.
- Hardship due to property layout and remaining size of rear yard.
- Zoning classifications of surrounding property to the north, south and east.

Mr. Abate stated the Department of Public Works (DPW) has approved the application.

#### PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

There was no one present who wished to speak.

#### PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Board members discussed with the petitioner the requirement of a 25 foot triangular vision corner clearance for the house to the rear of his property. They addressed alternate options the petitioner might consider as relates to the location of the fence and required vision corner clearance.

Chair Abitheira advised the petitioner that approval of the request requires an affirmative vote from at least three of the four members present. He informed the petitioner that he could request a postponement until there is a full Board present.

Mr. Pandey said to go forward with the application as submitted.

Moved by: Dziurman Support by: Frisen

**RESOLVED**, To deny the variance request for 4368 Virgilia, for the following reasons:

- a. The applicant has not demonstrated a hardship for the property.
- b. The request does not meet the five criteria for a hardship.

#### Discussion on the motion on the floor.

Ms. Brooks said it might be of value to the petitioner that the Board reconsider its action and allow the applicant the opportunity to consider all available options, to fully understand the required vision corner clearance, to present a definitive application with no impact on surrounding neighbors and to provide supportive correspondence from neighboring properties.

Mr. Dziurman withdrew his motion on the floor. Mr. Frisen withdrew his support on the motion on the floor.

Moved by: Dziurman Support by: Frisen

**RESOLVED**, To **postpone** the variance request for 4368 Virgilia to allow the petitioner an opportunity to consider all options and come back to the Board.

Yes: All present (4) Absent: Nastasi

#### **MOTION CARRRIED**

#### 4. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>

Chair Abitheiria asked Mr. Abate to investigate the potential to have alternate members on the Board.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## 6. <u>MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</u>

There was confirmation the July meeting date is July 9, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular meeting of the Building Code Board of Appeals adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Abitheira, Chair

## Kathy L. Czarnecki, Recording Secretary

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#### <u>Fence Variance Request,</u> <u>505 Leetonia,</u> <u>Erin and John Dzeroogian</u>

This property consists of a corner lot. According to the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance, it qualifies as a corner lot with front lot lines along both Leetonia and Tallman. The property is located within the R-1C zoning district which requires a front yard setback of 30 feet, along both Leetonia and Tallman, where the zoning ordinance limits fence height to 30 inches (2.5 feet). The petitioner is seeking a fence height variance for the installation of a 6 feet high, vinyl, replacement, privacy fence. This fence is proposed to match the existing wood privacy fence 6 feet height and location of 12 feet away from the Tallman property line. The fence is proposed to run 81 feet along Tallman and return 18 feet, along the rear property line adjacent to the side yard of 4307 Tallman and return another 18 feet to the southeast corner of the house for a total variance length of 6 feet high vinyl privacy fence of 117 feet in the Tallman designated front yard. Of the total 276 feet of fence requested, 159 feet of the fence complies with zoning regulations and does not require a variance.

Chapter 83 - Fences.





City of Troy 500 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy MI 48084 248-524-3344 buildinginspection@troymi.gov

# FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

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Type, height, and lineal feet of material to be used:					
Туре:	Wood	Wire	Metal	Masonry	Other
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HEIGHT					10 Ft
NO. OF FEET	1				276
PERMIT FEEE	Under 300' \$150.00		Over 300' \$200.00		

#### SITE DRAWING REQUIRED

- A site drawing or plot plan is required for fence permit submittal.
- All drawings shall be accurate and drawn to scale.
- The location of your fence and distances to your property and lot lines are required.
- Final lot grade shall be approved before a fence permit is issued.
- Fences under seven feet do not fall under the 2015 Michigan Building Code.
- Residential Fences cannot exceed 6 feet in height.
- Your Tax Parcels Map is available here: <a href="https://cms6.revize.com/revize/citytroymi/departments/maps/index.ph">https://cms6.revize.com/revize/citytroymi/departments/maps/index.ph</a>

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

• It is <u>highly recommended</u> that the applicant and/or the owner hire a licensed Professional Surveyor for the proper placement of the fence.

• All fence placement errors will be the responsibility of the applicant/owner, owner's agent, and fence company.

All disputes among property owners regarding the placement of a fence are a civil matter

• The City of Troy will not be inspecting for placement and the Plan Review executed by any or all staff member of the City of Troy will only be approving or disapproving based on the information submitted by the applicant and it will be limited to what is allowed to be installed per the Zoning Ordinance and City Codes.

• Fences 7 feet tall or over fall under the 2015 Michigan Building Code. A building permit will be required and permit review will be performed by the Building Department and the Planning Department.

• fire Department Fence Requirements: All commercial fence and/or gate projects of all heights shall be

submitted for review to the Fire Department for emergency access to the site.

• Department of Public Works (DPW) Fence Requirements: No permit shall be issued for any fence construction within any easement without the approval of the Director of Public Works, or his authorized representative.

• The City of Troy Building Department strongly recommends that applicants check with the Home Owner's Association (HOA) for all alterations that could require approval including but not limited to, Fences, Pools, Decks, Patios, Additions, New Construction, Generators, Windows, Siding and others that could apply

#### APPLICANT SIGNATURE RQUIRED

By signing I am confirming that I have read and understood all of the fence permit requirements.

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Approved By \_\_\_\_\_

From:	Dominic M Abate		
То:	Erin Dzeroogian		
Bcc:	Dominic M Abate		
Subject:	plan review 505 Leetonia		
Date:	Friday, May 9, 2025 10:37:00 AM		
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Hello,

The Building Permit Application for 505 Leetonia has been denied as submitted for the following reason(s):

The front yard setback for your property, which is zoned R-1C, is 30 feet.

FRONT LOT LINE: .... In the case of a corner lot, both lines separating said lot from the street shall be considered front lot lines....

All fences in residential areas separating properties shall be of an ornamental type. Such fences may be constructed of metal, wood or masonry. Only new material, or such material as found to be structurally acceptable to the Chief Building Inspector, shall be used. In residential areas.... no fence shall be constructed to a height of more than thirty (30") inches above the existing grade of the land in that portion of the property in front of the front building setback line..... The maximum heights requirements of this section may be waived with the approval of the Building Board of Appeals.

Please "reply all" when submitting the requested information.

Sincerely,



Dominic Abate Plans Examiner City of Troy O: 248.524.3432 F : 248.689.3120



# CITY OF TROY PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

CITY OF TROY PLANNING DEPARTMENT 500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD TROY, MICHIGAN 48084 PHONE: 248-524-3364 E-MAIL: <u>planning@troymi.gov</u>



FEE \$500.00

## NOTICE TO THE APPLICANT

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 3:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

PLEASE FILE A COMPLETE APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE, NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-SEVEN (27) DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS ARE PLACED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA OF THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS.

1. ADDRESS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY: 505 Lectonia Troy, MI 48085

ACREAGE PROPERTY: Attach legal description if this an acreage parcel

- 2. PROPERTY TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S): 88-20-15-377-037
- 3. CODE NAME (e.g. "BUILDING CODE", "SIGN CODE", "FENCE CODE") AND SECTION(S) RELATED TO THE APPEAL:

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- 4. REASONS FOR APPEAL/VARIANCE: On a separate sheet, please describe the reasons justifying the requested action. See Submittal Checklist.
- 5. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PREVIOUS APPEALS INVOLVING THIS PROPERTY? YES

NO X

6.	APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
	NAME Erin Dzeroogian		
	COMPANY Homeowner		
	ADDRESS 505 Latonia		
	CITY_TOY	STATE MI	ZIP 48085
	TELEPHONE 0 586- 899-Lelo	59	
	E-MAIL EVIN. dzeroogian@	gmail.com	
7.	APPLICANT'S AFFILIATION TO THE PROPERTY OWN	$\mathbf{O}$	eoroner)
8.	OWNER OF SUBJECT PROPERTY:	< compared with the second sec	
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The undersigned hereby declare(s) under penalty of perjury that the contents of this application are true to the best of my (our) knowledge, information and belief.

The applicant accepts all responsibility for all of the measurements and dimensions contained within this application, attachments and/or plans, and the applicant releases the City of Troy and its employees, officers, and consultants from any responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

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Failure of the applicant or his/her authorized representative to appear before the Board, as scheduled, shall be justifiable cause for denial or dismissal of the case with no refund of appeal fee(s). If the person appearing before the Board is not the applicant or property owner, signed permission must be presented to the Board.

The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing by electronic mail.

# SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST FOR APPEALS NOT RELATED TO SIGNS

FOR SIGNS, PLEASE USE SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST ON NEXT PAGE

#### REQUIRED PROVIDED

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- COMPLETED APPLICATION.
  - 1 COPY OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING THE REQUEST, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR WORK INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
    - PLOT PLANS DRAWN TO SCALE, SHOWING THE SHAPE AND DIMENSION OF LOT(S).
    - LOCATION ON THE LOT OF FENCES, OR OTHER STRUCTURES CONCERNING THE REQUEST.
    - DETAILED PLANS SHOWING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION.
    - PHOTOS, DRAWINGS, OR RENDERINGS AS NECESSARY TO ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THE REQUEST.
- ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING REPORTS OR ACCREDITED TESTING AGENCIES, INCLUDING ACCREDITED AGENCIES RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC) AND ACCEPTED ENGINEERING PRACTICES SHOULD ACCOMPANY YOUR APPEAL.
- I COPY OF INFORMATION THAT CLEARLY EXPLAINS THE IMPACTS OF THE REQUEST ON THE AREA.
- A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS JUSTIFYING THE REQUEST. IF APPEALING AN ICC CONSTRUCTION CODE, PLEASE EXPLAIN ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD BE EQUAL TO WHAT THE CODE REQUIRES.
- MINIMUM SIZE OF ALL DOCUMENTS 8.5" X 11".
- A DIGITAL VERSION OF ALL APPLICATION DOUCUMENTS. E MAILING THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT IS PREFERRED.

To: The City of Troy Planning Department-Building Code Board of Appeals 500 W. Big Beaver Road Troy, MI 48085 Phone:248-524-3364 Email: <u>planning@troymi.gov</u>

We are writing an appeal for a Building Permit Application to replace a fence on 505 Leetonia Troy, Mi that was recently denied. We hope you will consider the following when you address our appeal.

- We are only asking to REPLACE the current existing Wood 6 foot privacy fence with a Vinyl 6 foot privacy fence with the same linear footage of 276 feet. The location of the fence and the height of the fence would remain the SAME. The ONLY difference would be changing the material from Wood to Vinyl.
- We live on a corner lot which makes compliance with Chapter 83 substantially more difficult. The current fence was previously built onto our property and was already existing when we bought the house in 2006. It was built about 13 feet from the property line and has remained in its same location since it was built. Chapter 83 states that the front yard setback for our property, which is zoned R-1C, is 30 feet. Since this fence was already built onto our property before we owned it our backyard space is set up based on the current fence line. We currently have a swing set, pool pump, air conditioner, playhouse within the boundaries of the existing fence and would like to maintain this fence line as it existed when we bought the property.
- The existing wood fence has required multiple repairs in several areas over the years. With years of wear and tear, the wood is rotting in multiple areas and has caused instability in the fence now requiring it to be replaced in its entirety. The fence is also an eyesore for a corner lot in the neighborhood and leans into our neighbor's backyard. I believe a more esthetically looking and stable new fence would benefit our neighbors and community for many years to come.
- We would like to maintain the height of our fence at 6 feet to preserve privacy and the safety of our family and our neighborhood as we do have an inground pool in our backyard. This inground pool was also built prior to us buying the house in 2006.

• Since we are keeping the fence in the same location and at the same height a variance would not be harmful or alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

We appreciate your time and your consideration. Please let us know if we can provide any more information.

Erin and John Dzeroogian

505 Leetonia

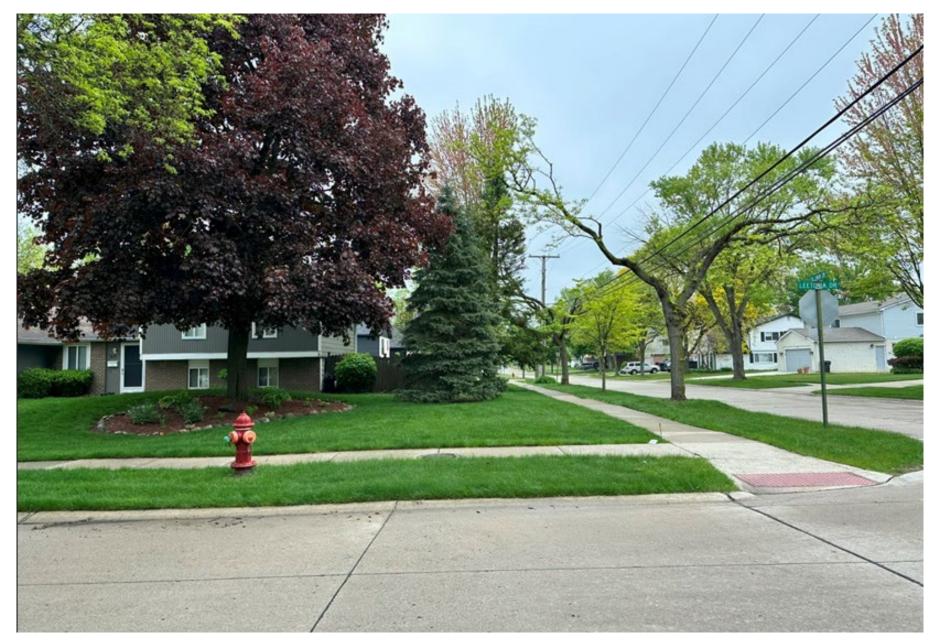
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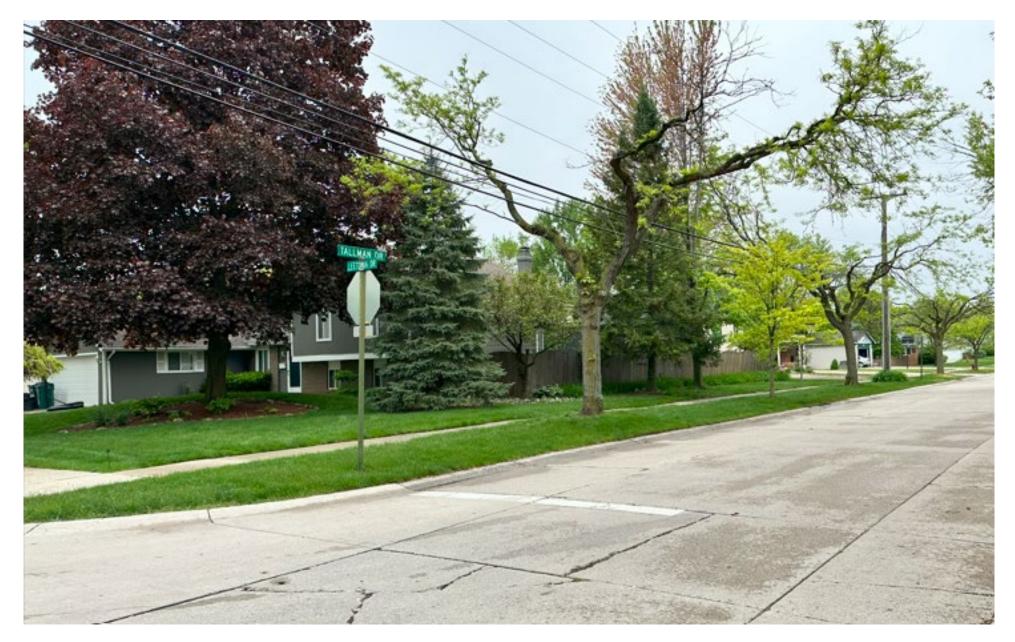
Front view of 505 Leetonia



View of 505 Leetonia front yard (Leetonia)



View of 505 Leetonia front yard from Leetonia/Tallman intersection



View of 505 Leetonia front yard from Leetonia/Tallman intersection



View West looking at 505 Leetonia front yard (Tallman)



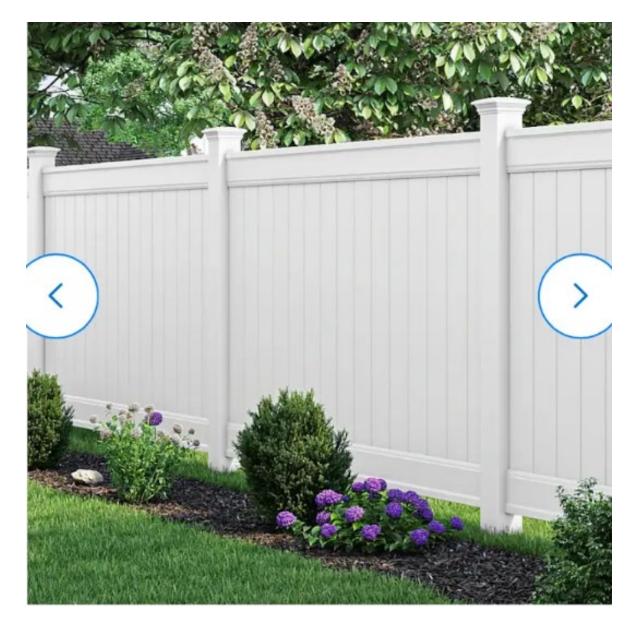
View West toward 505 Leetonia rear yard



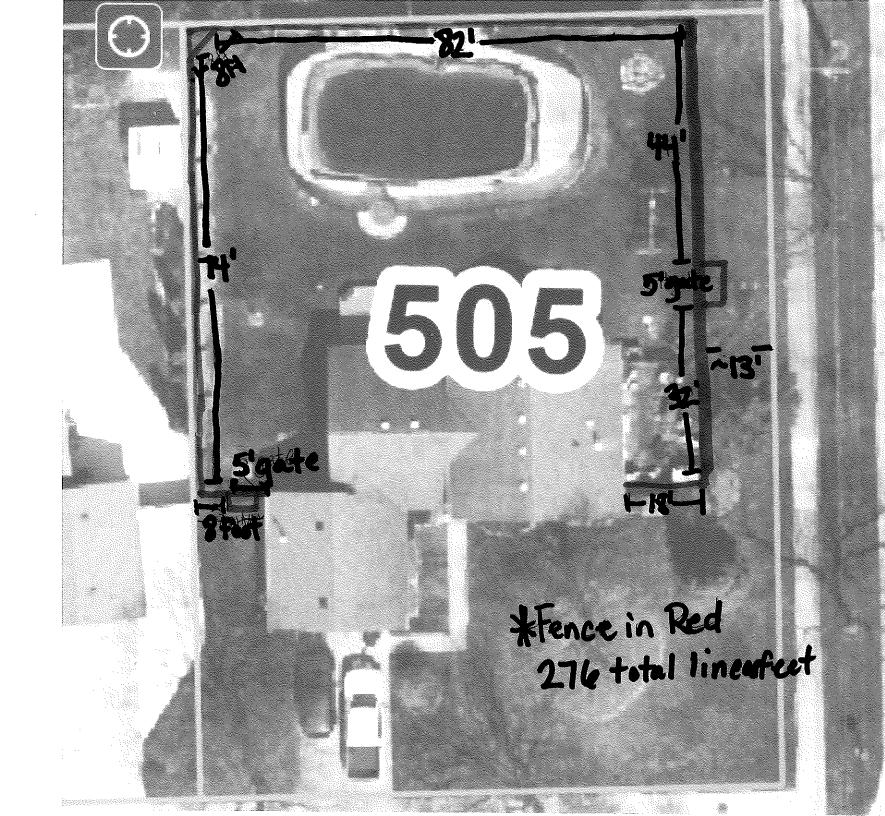
View South toward 505 Leetonia rear yard

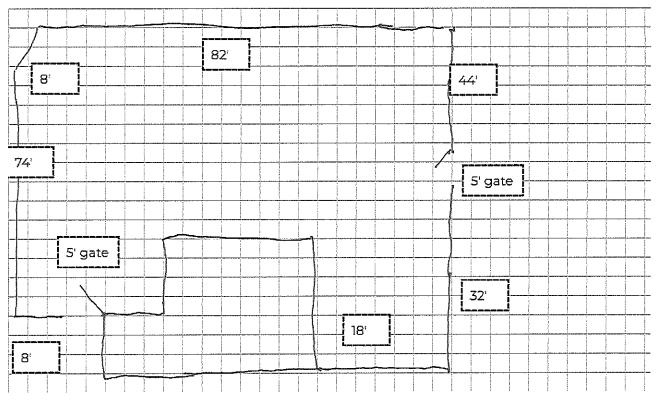


View South into 505 Leetonia front yard (Tallman)



# PROPOSED VINYL FENCE SAMPLE IMAGE







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<u>Fence Variance Request,</u> <u>4368 Virgilia,</u> <u>Vin Pandey-</u>

This property consists of a corner lot. According to the City of Troy Zoning Ordinance, it qualifies as a corner lot with front lot lines along both Virgilia and Webb. The property is located within the R-1B zoning district which requires a front yard setback of 40 feet, along both Virgilia and Webb, where the zoning ordinance limits fence height to 30 inches (2.5 feet). The petitioner is seeking a fence height variance for the installation of a proposed new 6 feet high vinyl privacy fence placed 25 feet from the Webb property line. There is a 5 feet sidewalk easement with installed sidewalk on the homeowner's property along both streets as well. The fence is proposed to run 74 feet along Webb and return 15 feet, along the rear property line adjacent to the side yard of 210 Webb, for a total variance length of 6 feet high vinyl privacy fence of 89 feet in the Webb designated front yard. Of the total 237.5 feet of fence requested, 148.5 feet of the fence complies with zoning regulations and does not require a variance.

Chapter 83 - Fences.





City of Troy 500 W Big Beaver Rd, Troy MI 48084 248-524-3344 buildinginspection@troymi.gov

## FENCE PERMIT APPLICATION

NAME OF HOMEOWNER		CONSTRUCTION VALLUE				
Vin Kumar	\$16,807.00					
STREET ADDRESS AND JOB LOCATION (Street Numbe and Name)	r NAME OF CITY, LOCATED	NAME OF CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP IN WHICH J		Oakland County		
4368 Virgilia Ave	-	Troy Michigan				
WHO IS THE APPLICANT	CONTRACTOR BUSINE	CONTRACTOR LIC NUMBER	ENSE	EXPIRATION DATE		
Contractor Homeowner	AIS Installations	2102213708		5/31/2025		
ADDRESS (Street Number and Name)	СІТҮ	STATE		ZIP CODE		
6040 Wall St	Sterling Heights		MI		48312	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)		EMAIL ADDRESS:				
(586) 274-9100 ext 1311	permits@aisoutlet.com					
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIER (or	FEDERAL EMPLOYER ID NUMBER (OR REASON FOR EXEMPTION)					
Federated Mutual Insurance		20-0742530				
		4				

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR OR HOMEOWNER (Homeowner's signature indicates	DATE
compliance with Section VI. Homeowner Affidavit)	3/14/2025

I hereby certify the fence work described on this permit application shall be installed <u>by myself in my own home</u> in which I am living or about to occupy. All work shall be installed in accordance of Chapter 83 of the Troy City Ordinance and shall not be enclosed, covered up, or put into operation until it has been inspected and approved by the Cities Building Inspector. I will cooperate with the Cities Building Inspector and assume the responsibility to arrange for necessary inspections.

Type, height, and lineal feet of material to be used:						
Туре:	Wood	Wire	Metal	Masonry	Other (vinyl)	
Symbols:	0000000	XXXXXX	///////			
HEIGHT	μ.				6'	
NO. OF FEET	100				240'	
PERMIT FEEE	☑ Under 300 <sup>'</sup> \$150.00		Over 300'	•		

#### SITE DRAWING REQUIRED

- A site drawing or plot plan is required for fence permit submittal.
- All drawings shall be accurate and drawn to scale.
- The location of your fence and distances to your property and lot lines are required. .
- Final lot grade shall be approved before a fence permit is issued.
- Fences under seven feet do not fall under the 2015 Michigan Building Code.
- Residential Fences cannot exceed 6 feet in height.
- Your Tax Parcels Map is available here:https://cms6.revize.com/revize/citytroymi/departments/maps/index.ph

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

 It is highly recommended that the applicant and/or the owner hire a licensed Professional Surveyor for the proper placement of the fence.

All fenceplacement errors will be the responsibility of the applicant/owner, owner's agent, and fence company.

All disputes among property owners regarding the placement of a fence are a civil matter

. The City of Troy will not be inspecting for placement and the Plan Review executed by any or all staff member of the City of Troy will only be approving or disapproving based on the information submitted by the applicant and it will be limited to what is allowed to be installed per the Zoning Ordinance and City Codes.

 Fences 7 feet tall or over fall under the 2015 Michigan Building Code. A building permit will be required and permit review will be performed by the Building Department and the Planning Department.

fire Department Fence Requirements: All commercial fence and/or gate projects of all heights shall be

· submitted for review to the Fire Department for emergency access to the site.

· Department of Public Works (DPW) Fence Requirements: No permit shall be issued for any fence construction within any easement without the approval of the Director of Public Works, or his authorized representative.

• The City of Troy Building Department strongly recommends that applicants check with the Home Owner's Association (HOA) for all alterations that could require approval including but not limited to, Fences, Pools, Decks, Patios, Additions, New Construction, Generators, Windows, Siding and others that could apply

#### APPLICANT SIGNATURE RQUIRED

By signing I am confirming that I have read and understood all of the fence permit requirements.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Approved By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Fencing Quote/Specification

Home Depot License #'s - For the most current listing visit <u>www.Homedepot.com/LicenseNumbers</u>

Ryan Herfert		8667718711 Salesperson Phone#			
Salesperson Name					
352400428					
Registration # (Req. in CA,CT,M	IE,MD,MI,NJ,DC)				
KUMAR     VIN       Customer Last Name     Customer First Name		2706	F29781074		
		Store #/Branch Name	Customer Lead/PO#		
4368 Virgilia Avenue		TROY         MI         48098			
Customer Address		City	State Zip		
4143395285	4143395285				
Home Phone# Work Phone	ne# Cell Phone#	Cross Street 1	Cross Street 2		
	<ul> <li>* * * Underground drain</li> <li>72'</li> <li>15' Setback from back of house</li> <li>4368</li> <li>10'Gate</li> </ul>	74' 74' Webb Av	Image: sector		

299A Fencing Quote/SPEC (21 Aug. 23) (C)

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= 6' Cypress Vinyl Privacy Fence

From: To: Cc: Subject:	<u>Dominic M Abate</u> <u>permits@aisoutlet.com</u> <u>Rikki Varieur</u> plan review - 4368 Virgilia
Date:	Friday, March 21, 2025 12:09:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image006.png

### Hello,

The Building Permit Application for 4368 Virgilia has been denied as submitted for the following reason(s):

- Due this being a corner lot, the fence as shown along Webb will need to be moved to the required minimum setback for a building front or be lowered to 30 inches in height.
- This property is zoned R-1B with a 40 feet setback from the street.
- Per the City of Troy zoning ordinance:

.... In residential areas no fence shall be constructed to a height more than six (6') feet above the existing grade of the land, and no fence shall be constructed

to a height of more than thirty (30") inches above the existing grade of the land in that portion of the property in front of the front building setback line.... The maximum heights requirements of this section may be waived with the approval of the Building Board of Appeals.

Please "reply all" when submitting the requested information.

Sincerely,



Dominic Abate Plans Examiner City of Troy O: 248.524.3432 F : 248.689.3120





CITY OF TROY PLANNING DEPARTMENT 500 W. BIG BEAVER ROAD TROY, MICHIGAN 48084 PHONE: 248-524-3364 E-MAIL: planning@troymi.gov





# **NOTICE TO THE APPLICANT**

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 3:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

PLEASE FILE A COMPLETE APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE, NOT LESS THAN TWENTY-SEVEN (27) DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING DATE.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS ARE PLACED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA OF THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS.

4368

1. ADDRESS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

ACREAGE PROPERTY: Attach legal description if this an acreage parcel

Code

2. PROPERTY TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S):

-ence

88-20-16-427-058

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- CODE NAME (e.g. "BUILDING CODE", "SIGN CODE", "FENCE CODE") AND SECTION(S) RELATED TO THE APPEAL:
- 4. REASONS FOR APPEAL/VARIANCE: On a separate sheet, please describe the reasons justifying the requested action. See Submittal Checklist.

5. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PREVIOUS APPEALS INVOLVING THIS PROPERTY? YES

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION:** 6. NAME COMPANY Visgilia ADDRESS Truy mi CITY STATE ZIP 808 5285 TELEPHONE Vinonto abbi @ gonail. com E-MAIL rones APPLICANT'S AFFILIATION TO THE PROPERTY OWNER: 7.

No.

8.	OWNER OF S	UBJECT PROPER	TY:					
	NAME	Vin	andey					
	COMPANY		0					
	ADDRESS	4368 Virg	rilig	Doire				status de Anima A
	CITY	Troy			_ STATE	mi	ZIP4	8084
	TELEPHONE	414	- 339	5285				
	E-MAIL	Vinont. abh	i @ gm	ail · com				

The undersigned hereby declare(s) under penalty of perjury that the contents of this application are true to the best of my (our) knowledge, information and belief.

The applicant accepts all responsibility for all of the measurements and dimensions contained within this application, attachments and/or plans, and the applicant releases the City of Troy and its employees, officers, and consultants from any responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

(PROPERTY OWNER), HEREBY DEPOSE AND SAY THAT ALL THE STATEMENTS AND STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED ARE TRUE AND ABOVE CORRECT AND GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF TO CONDUCT A SITE VISIT TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT CONDITIONS. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE 64 PRINT NAME: SIGNATURE OF PROPERTY OWNER DATE 04/12 PANDEY VIN PRINT NAME:

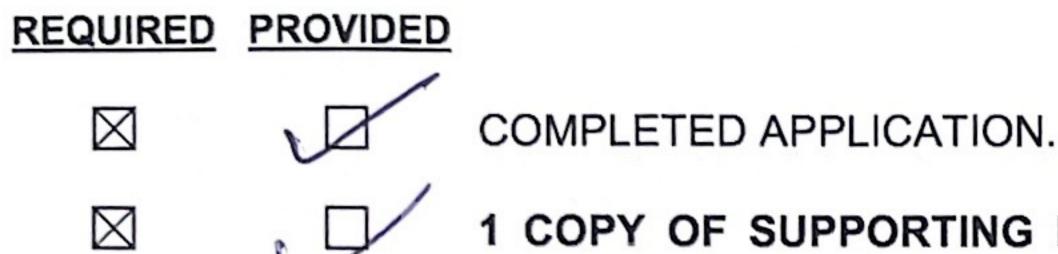
Failure of the applicant or his/her authorized representative to appear before the Board, as scheduled, shall be justifiable cause for denial or dismissal of the case with no refund of appeal fee(s). If the person appearing before the Board is not the applicant or property owner, signed permission must be presented to the Board.

The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing by electronic mail.



# SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST FOR APPEALS NOT RELATED TO SIGNS

FOR SIGNS, PLEASE USE SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST ON NEXT PAGE



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- 1 COPY OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING THE REQUEST, CONSTRUCTION AND/OR WORK INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
- PLOT PLANS DRAWN TO SCALE, SHOWING THE SHAPE AND DIMENSION OF LOT(S).
- LOCATION ON THE LOT OF FENCES, OR OTHER STRUCTURES CONCERNING THE REQUEST.
- DETAILED PLANS SHOWING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION.
- PHOTOS, DRAWINGS, OR RENDERINGS AS NECESSARY TO ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THE REQUEST.
- ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING REPORTS OR ACCREDITED TESTING AGENCIES, INCLUDING ACCREDITED AGENCIES RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC) AND ACCEPTED ENGINEERING PRACTICES SHOULD ACCOMPANY YOUR APPEAL.
- I COPY OF INFORMATION THAT CLEARLY EXPLAINS THE IMPACTS OF THE REQUEST ON THE AREA.
  - A WRITTEN EXPLANATION OF THE REASONS JUSTIFYING THE REQUEST. IF APPEALING AN ICC CONSTRUCTION CODE, PLEASE EXPLAIN ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD BE EQUAL TO WHAT THE CODE REQUIRES.
    - MINIMUM SIZE OF ALL DOCUMENTS 8.5" X 11".
    - A DIGITAL VERSION OF ALL APPLICATION DOUCUMENTS. E MAILING THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT IS PREFERRED.

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# April 12<sup>th</sup> 2025

Members of the Troy Zoning Board of Appeals, my name is Vin Pandey, and I am the homeowner at **4368 Virgilia Drive**. I am here tonight to respectfully request a variance to allow the construction of a **6' Cypress Vinyl Privacy Fence** on my corner lot, which may not strictly adhere to standard fence regulations.

I understand that for a variance to be granted, a **practical difficulty** must be demonstrated. I believe that the unique characteristics of my property, coupled with specific circumstances, create such a difficulty, justifying the requested variance.

My request is based on the following points, which demonstrate that compliance with standard dimensional requirements is substantially more difficult for my property than for the majority of properties in the same zoning district [9a]:

- Exceptional Characteristics of a Corner Lot: As a corner lot, my property at 4368 Virgilia Drive has significantly more public frontage than interior lots [9a]. This inherent characteristic leads to increased exposure from two streets, Virgilia Drive and Webb Avenue, as indicated on the provided drawings. This increased exposure creates unique challenges in terms of privacy and security that are not typically faced by non-corner properties.
- Impact of Neighbor Parking on Privacy: A significant challenge specific to my property is the frequent parking by neighbors in the vicinity of my lot. Due to my corner location, these parked vehicles are often in close proximity to my yard and home, directly impacting my privacy in a way that would not affect interior lots with less public-facing area. This situation further exacerbates the lack of privacy inherent in a corner lot.
- These characteristics are related to the premises at 4368 Virgilia Drive and not due to conditions elsewhere [9b]. The corner lot status and the specific pattern of neighbor parking directly adjacent to my property are unique to my location.
   The difficulty is not a personal preference. While I value my privacy, the need for this fence arises from the increased exposure and lack of privacy directly caused by the corner lot location and the adjacent parking situation.
   These difficult characteristics were not created by me or any previous owner. The lot configuration is inherent to the platting of the neighborhood, and the neighbor parking is a natural occurrence in the surrounding area.

Furthermore, I want to assure the Board that the proposed 6' Cypress Vinyl Privacy Fence:

• Will not be harmful or alter the essential character of the area in which the property is located. Vinyl privacy fences are a common and generally accepted fencing type in residential areas and will maintain, if not enhance, the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood. The fence type is clearly indicated in the provided fencing quote and specifications.

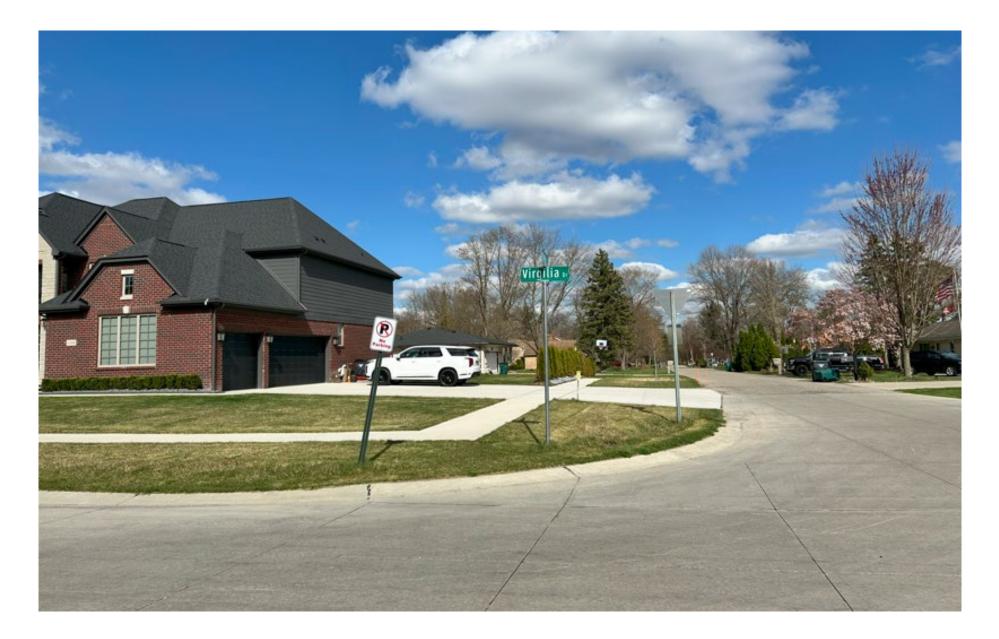
- Will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property.
- Will not unreasonably increase the congestion in public streets. The fence will be located entirely within my property lines, maintaining existing access and sight lines.
- Will not increase the danger of fire or endanger the public safety. The vinyl material is not a significant fire hazard.
- Will not unreasonably diminish or impair established property value within the surrounding area. In many cases, a well-maintained fence can enhance property values by providing privacy and security.
- Will not in any other respect impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals or welfare of the inhabitants of the City.

In conclusion, the unique circumstances of my corner lot at **4368 Virgilia Drive**, particularly its increased exposure and the impact of neighbor parking on my privacy, create a practical difficulty in adhering to standard fence regulations. The proposed **6' Cypress Vinyl Privacy Fence** addresses this difficulty without negatively impacting the neighborhood or public welfare. I respectfully request the Board's approval of this variance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Front view of 4368 Virgilia



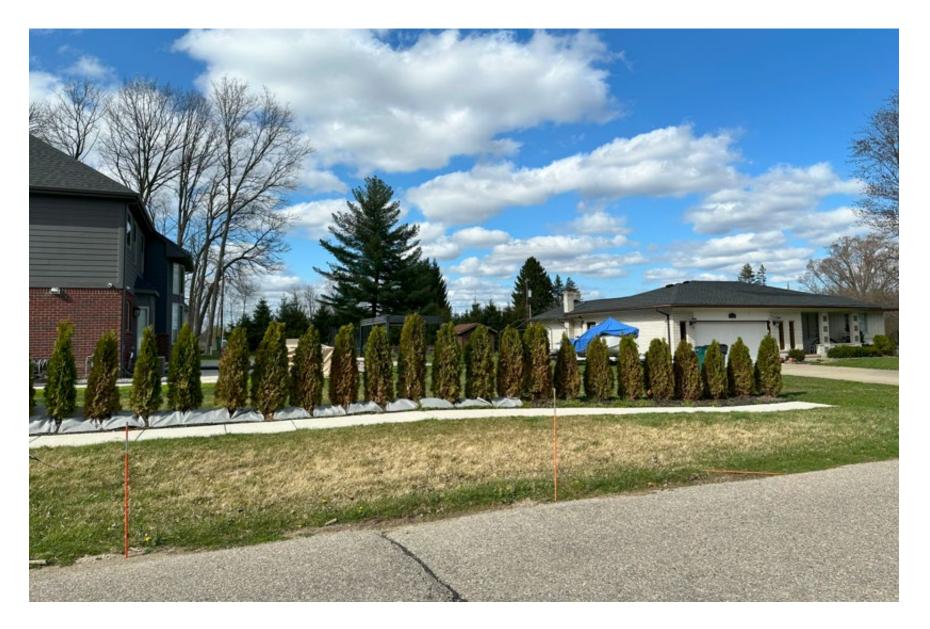
View of 4368 Virgilia front yard from Virgilia/Webb intersection



View of 4368 Virgilia front yard from Webb



View into 4368 Virgilia rear yard from Webb



View into 4368 Virgilia front right-of-way at Webb



View into 4368 Virgilia rear yard

