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Dear Members of the Board of Variance:

I am writing to seek a fence variance for my single-family home at 244 Emery Way. My property is a thru lot thus having two front yards. My home faces Emery Way and my back yard is adjacent to Bowen Road. Current zoning bylaws state that a fence must be no more than 4 feet tall at the front. I have recently replaced the old fence 6' with a fence that is 6' 3" tall at the back of my property facing Bowen Road.

It wasn't long after we purchased the home that I realized that people were using my yard as a shortcut between Emery Way and Bowen Road rather than walking up the additional 4 lots to the city walkway. The portion of fence facing Bowen Rd had a gate that they were using. I tried locking the gate at the back of my property but they broke the fence to access the lock. After repairing the fence a couple of times I finally boarded up the gate to keep people from using my yard as a shortcut. That worked.

When the fence collapse during the last winter's wind storms the shortcut traffic resumed. When I had the fence replaced a short while ago it was built to match the height of the neighbors fence. The new fence and no gate have stopped the traffic thru my back yard.

I hope that you will allow the new fence to remain as it is at 6' 3". Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the request.

Sincerely,



Anthony Gilks