

Response to the Variance Standards;

1. The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and the intent of this Title and the adopted comprehensive master plan;

I believe the variance I would receive would completely maintain the master plan of the city as raising my fence would literally affect no one. My lot is on an angle and the largest area backs up to the forested area. Both neighbors (one on either side) have privacy fences of their own lot and could never see the back of my fence (the requested 7' tall area). The small area where the grade is the highest behind the fence is in the back right corner of my lot and can't be seen by any neighbor in any way. This truly would be a variance that had no affect on anyone but me and my family.

2. Strict enforcement of this Title would result in practical difficulties or impose exceptional hardships due to special and unusual conditions which are not generally found on other properties in the same zoning district;

I believe I partially answered this question above. This property is different because the unique layout of my lot and both neighbors on either side. I fully understand why Naperville has the 6' limitation for fences and in most cases would completely agree. In this particular case, to achieve the safety from the den of coyotes would not affect any neighbor or person in the subdivision or town. I take building codes very seriously. We have a family owned business, Reliable Home Improvement, that is based here in Naperville. We are 52 years in business, my mother and father started the company. Following code and city rules is part of my/our daily lives and we do it gladly. There are, however, some times we go to the city for variances (on behalf of customers) for additions etc. The city has always been fair and understanding. I will tell you I have never seen a situation where a variance would affect less people (neighbors etc) than this one would.

3. The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood and will not be a substantial detriment to adjacent property;

I think I have answered this with the above two questions. Because of the placement of the fence, in relation to other houses/neighbors, this fence does not impede any view or function of anyone or anything.

Losing our dog to coyotes that are still living just outside our yard is a very difficult thing to handle day to day. If the board was kind enough to approve this variance it would greatly change the lives of my family. We could once again enjoy our home and back yard without constant fear and anxiety.