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Planning and Zoning Commission

City of Naperville

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to explain in more detail how it came about that we needed a permit for our pergola.

Our homeowners association was in the process of replacing the fence around the borders of the neighborhood. This was on, or around the end of October or the beginning of November. Our pergola construction was in the final stages at this time. A man (I am sorry, but I do not remember his name) stopped by our house to inquire if we had a permit for the pergola. He stated that he was from the City of Naperville and had noticed the construction. We told him that we were unaware that a permit was needed but would get the process started immediately.

It was then that I went to the City building to start the process of getting a permit. After applying, we were informed that we needed to also request a variance. I have been working with Ms. Mattingly ever since to insure that we are now following all the regulations.

We apologize for not being in compliance from the very beginning. As homeowners, we looked at the pergola construction the same way we did planting 25 new Emerald Arborvitae. My father had flown in from Salt Lake City Utah to help with the construction. He had built his own pergola and had helped several of his friends. We relied on him as our "expert". But, unfortunately the rules and regulations are very different from state to state.

I will strive to answer any questions that are asked of me by the Planning and Zoning Commission. I will do all I can to help bring about a resolution.

Sincerely,

Virginia "Ginny" Colburn