

MARY DALTON
PROPERTY OWNER
1220 WEST JEFFERSON
JONESBORO, AR 72401

April 19, 2021

City of Jonesboro Planning & Zoning Department
300 S. Church Street 3rd Floor
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

I am writing to seek a fence variance for an already erected fence. On April 14, 2021, I received a letter (via mail) from the Jonesboro Department of Zoning and Planning dated, April 8, 2021, "NOTICE OF IMMEDIATE ACTION" (enclosure 1) regarding a new fence without permit located on my property at 1220 West Jefferson Avenue, Jonesboro AR. Due to negligence on my behalf, I am deeply remorseful and assume full responsibility for my actions not to obtain the required permit or notify adjoining property owners which proved difficult as none of the owners resides in the properties outlined in the aerial view (enclosure 3). Upon receiving the letter, I immediately reached out to the Division and requested the owner's information and have officially notified each by certified mail (enclosure 2) of the request for a fence variance.

Please understand, erecting the fence was not my intent to break the law, deceive, deprive, diminish or impair property values or be detrimental to public welfare or injurious to other property or improvements within the neighborhood, it was strictly erected to add another layer of protection for my property, my family and pets when we are at the residence and when we are away. As a current Virginia resident and no one to oversee the property, erecting the fence gives me a sense of safety and comfort that my home is protected, along with the other security elements installed (alarm system and door camera), when staying or leaving the property for long instances.

I am deeply regretful and remorseful for not initiating appropriate actions to uphold the law, by not obtaining a permit, seeking approval and notifying or speaking with the owners before the fence was erected. I pray for forgiveness for my actions and mistakes that were made. I also pray you will see erecting the fence was done for good reasons and will grant approval for the variance for the fence. I have learned a valuable lesson and moving forward, I promise this will never happen again. If construction, such as adding sidewalks, trimming trees over powerlines, etc., are interrupted by the fence, I am willing to make modifications as necessary. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a response.

Sincerely,


Mary Dalton

Enclosures:

1. Letter from Planning and Zoning
2. Certified Receipts for each Property Owner
3. Application for Variance
4. Aerial View of Properties/Diagram 1220 West Jefferson/Photos of House and Fence
5. BZA Adjoining Property Owner Notification