

Members of the Jonesboro Planning and Zoning Committee,

My name is Cassidy Lucas and I am the owner of 4214 Cornerstone Drive. I am seeking a variance permit to build a fence in my side yard.

My partner and I moved into our new house in early June 2021 with our two dogs. Shortly after, we began the process of getting a fence built in our yard. After some internet research, I selected a fence builder that had many high ratings. I was new to the process and asked the fence builder if they would handle the permits or if I needed to apply for them. My builder told me that I didn't need to do anything and that he would handle all of the permit paperwork.

On June 24th, our fence was installed. I was under the impression that everything was settled until I received a citation from the city of Jonesboro about our new fence. I contacted the Planning office to inquire about the citation and sure enough, my contractor failed to apply for the permit he said he was going to apply for. I was also advised to fill out a variance application. My contractor apologized and said that he would take care of all the variance paperwork and fees. He told me applied for it on July 21st.

Several weeks went by, and I hadn't heard anything from the city about my variance application. I was checking the city meeting agendas regularly to see when I needed to attend a meeting. When I saw that the September meeting was cancelled, I started to have an uneasy feeling and called the Planning office. For the second time, my fence builder had lied to me about completing an application. I was told that the city was getting ready to take legal action against me for our fence. Thankfully, the staff at the Planning office explained what I needed to do to try and fix this situation, which brings me to why I am writing this letter.

We live on a corner lot, with three yards that face city streets. The fence would have to be placed in such a way that extends past the front eave of the house. Where most people would have a backyard, we have our neighbor's house. We are animal lovers and have two active dogs. We would like to be able to have as much fenced space as possible while still making sure the fence is not a problem for our neighbors.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Cassidy Lucas

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassidy Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.