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To: [Michael Blackford](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: V-001202017 Variance Application
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Dear Michael and Planning Commission,

I received notice that this variance application will be reviewed Wednesday, November 15th at 7pm. Unfortunately, I will be traveling out of town next week for business and will not be able to attend but will be available December 6th if needed. As the next door neighbor, I would like to raise my current concerns for consideration.

In February 2017, Robert Priestas and another city official personally assessed the situation with my neighbor's outdoor hot tub. Potential solutions were discussed between me and Mr. Offord to resolve the dispute of the hot tub location on the side yard to include fencing.

During this discussion, I confirmed with Mr. Priestas that any fence installed on the side yard could only extend parallel to my home's front corner (861 Hunters Glen) closest to the street and not my neighbor's front corner (883 Hunters Glen). I wanted to know this answer because a six foot fence extending to my neighbor's front corner instead of mine would be more obtrusive and unsightly. One could argue that the architectural character of the neighborhood would be altered with a six foot fence extending to the front corner.

Since Mr. Offord's expressed goal is to "get some privacy around a hot tub," then I would contend that privacy can still be achieved without extending the fence to the front corner of his home. Additionally, less fence translates to less cost for him.

I supported my neighbor installing a six foot fence in an effort to avoid adversely affecting my property value and it was better than any other mutually agreed-upon alternative. However, I would prefer to minimize and not accentuate the fence by having it blend in as much as possible. I have already spent several hundred dollars and time planting evergreen shrubs along the fence line and would hope my neighbor does the same.

I appreciate your consideration and would be happy to discuss further or answer any questions. Thank you.

Best regards,

Brian