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601 Citizen Street

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Wed, Aug 5, 2026 at 3:11 PM

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We are writing to express our opposition to a request for a variance at 601 Citizen Street. The lot in question was created by a recent subdivision of the property to the north which was divided into 3 lots, and the house in question was subsequently built on this small lot. The code clearly states that the rear yard setback is 20 feet. For the City to reduce that to 7'2" is not in the best interest of our neighborhood and devalues existing houses.

Several older houses behind our lot are non-conforming with little to no setback. At best this creates an awkward situation when houses are occupying what should be a setback, further crowding our property and the neighborhood. Furthermore, we do not enjoy the same fire protection created by proper setbacks. If any house behind us catches fire, then our property is certain to burn.

Additionally, the city should enforce the zoning code on the books. When we buy property within the city limits, we agree to abide by the prevailing code. While I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns, it is awkward to ask a neighbor to judge the zoning request of another neighbor. Please just enforce the code and stop granting variances so readily!

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns for this variance request.

Sincerely,

Chris and Patricia Cheek



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Chris Cheek,
Thank you for your email. It will be added to the record.

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