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APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING - FENCE APPROVAL

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

1. Address of the Property 1206 Hawthorne Rd
(Number and Street)

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

I (We)	<u>Rachel & Timothy Shock</u>	<u>734-757-7117</u>
	<small>Name (Please Print)</small>	<small>Phone No. (Daytime)</small>
	<u>1206 Hawthorne Road</u>	<u>Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236</u>
	<small>Address</small>	<small>City State Zip</small>

Hereby appeal to the CITY COUNCIL for an exception to the fence ordinance, particularly the following sections/regulations:

Asking for permission to remove chain link fence & replace with a 6 foot privacy fence along our
neighboring address at 1218 Hawthorne without their signature of approval.

2. DESCRIPTION OF CASE (Fill out only items that apply)

- a. Present zoning classification of the property R-1C
- b. Description of property
 - (1) Size and Area of Lot 0.18 Acres, 60 ft. x131ft.
 - (2) Is the lot a corner or interior lot? Interior

Payment Validation

3. TYPE OF EXCEPTIONS REQUESTED – Common regulations subject to exceptions requests: setbacks, non-consent of adjacent property owner(s), landscaping, odd shape lots, wetland, creek, natural features, big trees or slopes.

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The applicant must present evidence to show that an exception is warranted by addressing the following factors: (please answer all four)

a) The balance of the applicant's hardship to the interests of the adjacent property owner(s).

See attached document.

b) What special circumstances exist that support the request.

See attached document.

c) Whether pedestrian or vehicular vision will be affected. If so, how?

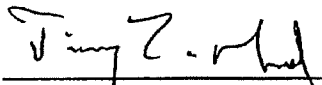
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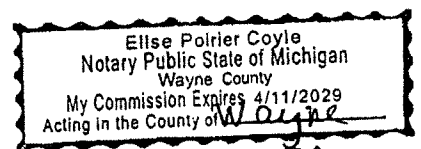
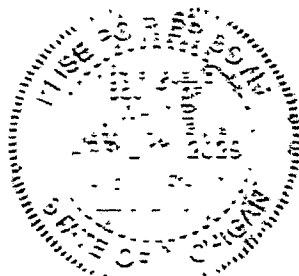
d) How the exception would not impact the general health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood.

See attached document.

***NOTE:** When answering questions pertaining to the exception(s), additional paper may be used if necessary.

I hereby depose and say that all the above statements and the statements contained in the papers submitted herewith are true and correct.


Signature of Applicant



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November 20 24

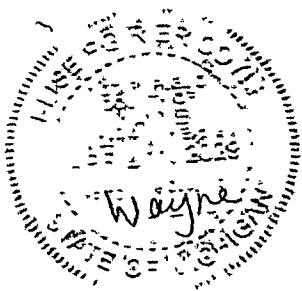
Elise Poirier Coyle
Notary Public

My Commission expires 04-11-29

NOTE: The City Council meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. The application must be filed with the City Clerk with a fee in the amount of \$375 a minimum of 14 days prior to council hearing.

Elise Poirier Coyle
Notary Public State of Michigan
Wayne County
My Commission Expires 4/11/2029
Acting in the County of Wayne

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ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING – FENCE APPROVAL

- a) The balance of the applicant’s hardship to the interests of the adjacent property owner(s):

Since moving to Grosse Pointe Woods in July 2018, our family has become a dedicated part of the community. My wife, Rachel, is a former public school educator who taught in the Preschool Room at Barnes Early Childhood Development Center, where she earned the respect and admiration of families for her dedication to early childhood development. I, Tim, have been a longtime employee of Shock Brothers Floor Covering, a premier commercial flooring contractor, serving the community with pride. We are parents to four wonderful children, some of which attend Parcels and Ferry schools, and we cherish the sense of stability and community that Grosse Pointe Woods offers.

Unfortunately, our family’s sense of safety and peace has been disrupted due to repeated confrontations with our adjacent neighbor. Despite our efforts to manage the situation respectfully, we have faced unprovoked accusations, harassment, and even threats, which have made us reluctant to spend time in our own backyard. Given these circumstances, we believe that installing a privacy fence is essential for our family’s security and mental well-being, providing a much-needed boundary to restore peace. This fence would not impose any hardship on the neighbor, yet it would grant us a safe and private space to enjoy our home without fear.

- b) What special circumstances exist that support the request:

The interactions with this neighbor have reached a level where we are unable to feel secure on our own property. Despite attempts to manage the situation peacefully, we have been subjected to ongoing harassment, leaving us feeling constantly watched and vulnerable. Most troublingly, our neighbor has made direct threats implying harm, which understandably has caused great distress, particularly for our children. Recently, law enforcement had to be involved due to the severity of these interactions, and, as a

temporary resolution, the neighbor was advised by a Grosse Pointe Woods detective to cease communication with us. Despite this intervention, the underlying tension remains, and we are still unable to enjoy our property without the fear of being surveilled or confronted. A privacy fence would serve as a physical boundary to restore a safe, private outdoor space for our family, an essential component for our children's comfort and our family's mental well-being.

c) Whether pedestrian or vehicular vision will be affected. If so, how?

The proposed fence will be installed solely along our property line and will adhere strictly to zoning and safety codes, ensuring that it will not obstruct any pedestrian or vehicular sightlines. It is designed to provide privacy without extending to areas that could affect visibility for neighbors or those using public pathways. We are committed to a design that respects community aesthetics while meeting our personal security needs.

d) How the exception would not impact the general health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood:

Our family has always valued the peaceful, family-friendly environment that Grosse Pointe Woods is known for. The installation of a privacy fence is a preventative measure to shield our home from unnecessary confrontation and protect the mental and emotional welfare of our children. The fence would contribute positively to neighborhood harmony by reducing opportunities for direct conflict, ultimately fostering a safer, more respectful atmosphere. We are committed to keeping this addition in line with community standards, ensuring it enhances our property without compromising neighborhood aesthetics or infringing on anyone's rights. We believe this modest improvement will support the broader values of security and well-being that our neighborhood stands for.