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Addendum to FHE-22-006

Description of Previous Fence:

Materials: The previous fence was at varied height of a minimum of 10' just within our side of the back property line. It was constructed with 6x6 pressure treated posts, and lattice panels (a combination of 2 – 4'x8' panels stacked on top of each other, and in places an additional 2'x8' lattice panel).

The condition of the fence at the time of replacement, and in the 6-8 months preceding, was very poor. The posts were loose, rotten, and leaning, and easily pushed from one side to the other. The lattice panels had become brittle and broken, and several had fallen down or were hanging precariously, having been reattached multiple times. There were exposed, rusted nails and broken fence pieces throughout. The lattice design of the fence also contributed to the disrepair because the spaces between the wood allowed vines and branches to push through. Branches and ivy had grown through the lattice panels in several areas, putting further weight on the panels. In the two months prior to replacing the fence, and without discussion with us, our backyard neighbor (complainant) attached old cardboard, blue tarp, and mats using bungee cords to the fence in an attempt to provide more privacy. This put further stress on the already precarious posts and panels – and created a huge eyesore. When replacing the fence, we chose to replace the lattice panels with more sturdy redwood fence boards in a standard, good neighbor board-on-board design to address the privacy and structural integrity issues of the old fence, and avoid these multiple issues from arising again. This was discussed with our back neighbor (complainant) and she was in agreement. The new fence was constructed in the exact location and length of the previous fence, with new 6x6 posts placed along the previous fence line.

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