

I would like to put 6 feet wrought iron fence which is completely see through and matches with what my front neighbor at 101 Alerche Drive installed couple of months back and 7 other houses in the neighborhood have. The fence rods are 0.625 inch wide that confirms to the visibility rules. I have structured the document in following sections:

- Unique characteristics of the property
- Why I need a fence
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- Proposal for the fence
- Pictures of fences in the neighborhood
- Support from neighbors for the fence with straight line pattern parallel to street

Key/Unique features of the property

1. I have a vineyard with 24 rows of 20 grape trees in the back (around 500 grape vines), 12 rows of vines in front (around 120 grape vines) and fruit orchard all along the property. These are a big source of income to help me maintain the property. The fruit orchard in the front corner got largely destroyed by wildlife and so I must redo this area now which is unfortunate cost that to bear as I did not proactively take care of fencing.



2. It's a corner property along two very busy streets. At any point of day, you can find people walking along Alerche and Harwood.



3. There are two large and mature Birch trees in the front, around 8 feet from the property line and two mature Magnolia trees around 12 feet in front of the house structure with shallow roots (many cases even above surface). There is a curved driveway around 28 feet inside.

Why I need fence in the front

1. Security for Vineyards and Orchard: The vineyard in the front is totally exposed to wildlife, we have had to chase deer/s away from them several times.



So far, I was relying on security cameras to detect any movement and then go out and make sure that the vines are not being eaten at. With back to work starting in September I'm afraid this won't be possible and so requesting for a "Wildlife exception" to be able to install the fence.

2. Security of family and property: Even at 10:30 at night you will find people hanging around, some of them curious enough to check the vineyards and orchards and so walk into the property, which is very uncomfortable for the family, especially my teenage daughter. In the 3 months we have lived, in two different occasions we have had strangers walk into our property past the garage, all the way to the backyard.

Exception request

I'm requesting an exception for six feet see through and wildlife friendly fence under

Sec. 29.40.0320. - Exceptions

- *A special wildlife/animal problem affects the property that cannot be practically addressed through alternatives. Documented instances of wildlife grazing on gardens or ornamental landscaping may be an example of such a problem.*

The vineyard and fruit orchard in the front are being destroyed by deer grazing causing financial loss to my business under the name "The Chauhan LLC" registered with California State for Vineyard and Wine Making business. Hence the request for for 6 feet fence to keep deer/s away.

- *A special privacy concern exists that cannot be practically addressed by additional landscaping or tree screening*

We have had unwarranted and surprise trespassing from people who walk along Alerche and Harwood and are curious to check out the vineyard and orchard or to taste the fruits

without informing us. As a father of a teenage girl this makes me very uncomfortable, and family feel insecure. Hence the request to put gates and fence along the front of the property.

- *A special circumstance exists, including lot size or configuration, where strict enforcement of these regulations would result in undue hardship.*

The vineyard in the front is laid out at a 45-degree angle to the house structure to get maximum area for farming and get adequate sunlight. Just covering that section is not possible without the fence coming all the way up to the front porch which would make the property look extremely unpleasing to sight. There is a sewer line running on that side of house, 4 feet to the side of porch which would be in the path of the fence and so encircling just the vineyard becomes extremely problematic and tough.

In the middle part of the front section, pushing the fence out all the way along the curved driveway is something most of my neighbors are opposed to as it doesn't conform with the fencing pattern with other 11 houses in the neighborhood that have a straight fence running parallel to the street (they are either at the edge of the property line or less than 10 feet from street, while in my case I am requesting exception to install fence with 10 feet setback from street (5 feet setback from property line). In the last section I am presenting emails from 5 of my neighbors who very strongly support the configuration I'm proposing. Further if I must push it back along the driveway, given the way property is structured in certain areas the fence would be barely 12 feet away from house which is aesthetically extremely unpleasing and takes away any open space for kids and pets to play or for pet to do his job with nature's call (pee or poo). There won't be any grass area left.

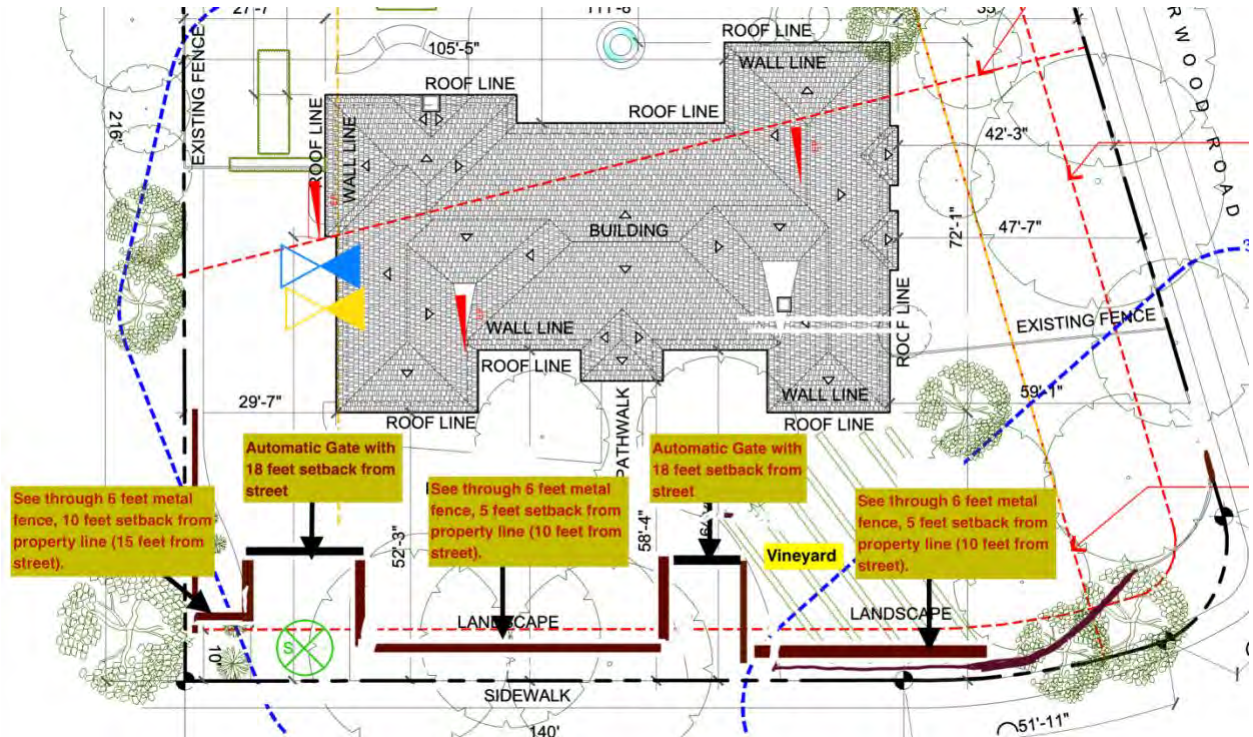
While I understand it's very important to follow the city guidelines (and I do want to), I sincerely hope that the Director of Planning puts under consideration the thoughts and desires of the residents of the neighborhood and decides in favor of an exception for something that blends well with the overall looks and aesthetics of the neighborhood. It's a very close knit and friendly neighborhood where all of us want to feel good about our surroundings and not have to look at something that is totally off from other houses.

Proposal for the fence

1. A 6-foot-high wrought iron fence which is completely see through. Anything under 6 feet doesn't give protection to my orchard and vineyards in the front. The fence rods are 0.625 inch wide that confirms to the visibility rules. The proposed fence matches with my front neighbor's fence at 101 Alerche and 7 other houses in the neighborhood.
2. The fence would be 10 feet inside from the street in the middle section, as far back as possible to the mature Birch trees and vines so I do not have to cut/remove/damage any trees running parallel to the street. In the vineyard section, the fence would run straight just beside the last column of vines and behind the existing bushes. This straight fencing pattern along the front of the property parallel to street matches with 11 other houses in the neighborhood. Most of them were installed within the last 3 years and have zero to less than 10 feet space from the street. In my case I'm proposing a 10 feet setback from

street (5 feet setback from property line) so that I can have some seasonal flowers and landscaping done between the fence and street to give a nice look.

3. Two motorized gates on both sides of the curved driveway, with 18 feet setback from street that confirms to city guidelines.



The fence is far away from street to cause any kind of obstruction of view. Some pictures below to show there is no obstruction of sight

Street view from Stop sign



Front yard view



The fence has a 10 feet setback from the edge of the street. There are two trees right behind it and I did not want to damage them.

Corner View



Location of Gates with 18 feet setback



Pictures of fence in the neighborhood

Front house, 101 Alerche Drive



Diagonally opposite 105 Alerche Drive



105 Critter Drive



2nd house from there 103 Criitter Drive



110 Alerche Drive (3rd house from me on the same side of street)



The house in front 109 Alerche Drive



The house next to it 117 Alerche Drive



House opposite to it 114 Alerche Drive.



The house next to it 16494 Harwood Drive



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