

From: [James Watson](#)
To: [Sean Mullin](#)
Subject: RE: 10 Charles - Fence Height Exception
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 1:32:22 PM
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Good afternoon, Sean,

Thank you for the opportunity to opine on the request for exception to the Town's Fence Height ordinance for the property at 10 Charles Street.

Engineering supports this exception. Engineering's support is attributed primarily to the location of the property being adjacent to the high traffic intersection of Los Gatos Boulevard and Saratoga-Los Gatos Road. Additionally, the Engineering Department recognizes the fence was designed with open lattice material to mitigate the fence's impact on the line-of-sight between traffic on Charles Street and both pedestrian traffic on the near sidewalk of Los Gatos Boulevard and vehicular traffic on Los Gatos Boulevard. The width of the sidewalk and planter strip adjacent to Los Gatos Boulevard provides space for a driver turning onto Los Gatos Boulevard to check for traffic in both directions prior to entering the Los Gatos Boulevard roadway. Therefore, it is my opinion that the height and open design of the proposed fence does not create a safety hazard at this location.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you.

Best Wishes,

James Watson, P.E. | Interim Town Engineer

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From: Sean Mullin <SMullin@losgatosca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 12:13 PM
To: James Watson <JWatson@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: RE: 10 Charles - Fence Height Exception

Hi James,

Following up on our conversation about this fence...after much consideration, Planning is going to support the exception. During our conversation you mentioned that you could go either way. I was wondering if you can send me a quick email confirming that Engineering can support the exception

and that given the visual openness of the fence, increased setback created by the sidewalk, stop sign, and traffic light the proposed fence would not create a safety hazard. This statement will be added to the project file.

Let me know if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you,
Sean

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From: Sean Mullin

Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 4:20 PM

To: James Watson <JWatson@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: 10 Charles - Fence Height Exception

Hi James,

I am reviewing a requested Fence Height Exception for 10 Charles Street. The applicant requests approval to construct a fence exceeding three feet in height within the required front and street-side setback, within the corner sight triangle, and within the traffic view area. Attached is the Letter of Justification, photos, and neighbor support letters for the request. Are you available to review the request and provide feedback from the Engineering perspective?

Please let me know if you would like to set up a meeting to discuss further.

Best regards,
Sean

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