

FROM:

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TO:

City of Norman Historic District Commission;

RE:

Brittany and Ryan Stover, property owners at 643 Okmulgee Street, request for an 8 foot wooden privacy fence.

We submit this letter in complete agreement with and support of property owner's (Brittany and Ryan Stover, 643 Okmulgee Street) request, whose back yard is adjacent to the major portion of our back yard, to remove the original 55 feet of existing chain link fence between the two properties and install an 8 foot wooden privacy fence in its place.

The original chain link fence has been eyesore for many years, many of which saw the fence grossly overgrown with weeds, honeysuckle vines and voluntary trees providing a veritable jungle of privacy between the two properties. When the overgrowth was addressed a couple of years ago while the property was vacant, we realized that we would need to discuss a privacy fence if and when there were new property owners. With the Stover's purchase of the property we very quickly reached unanimous agreement with them that an 8 foot wooden fence was needed.

Because we already have 24 feet of existing 8 foot wooden fence at the west end of our back yard that separates us from the Stover's neighbor to the west, dropping down the height of the fence by 2 feet to 6 feet would not be aesthetically pleasing nor would it provide adequate privacy between our two properties.

We have an existing white vinyl fence on the east side of our property that connects to the existing chain link fence. It is 7 feet tall. So to install a 6 foot fence to join the two fence lines would give us 3 different fence heights across our back yard. That would not be at all pleasing to anyone's eye.

In addition, we enjoy many hours on our backyard deck, which is raised from ground level by approximately 20 inches. We especially enjoy entertaining our children and grandchildren there. A 6 foot fence would allow us to still see over into the Stover's property to a large degree, and would therefore not provide adequate privacy to either party. We have no wish to annoy our neighbors.



Perhaps the most important point of all we wish to make here is that this 8 foot wooden fence cannot be seen by anyone on any of the streets surrounding our properties. That would be Tulsa Street, Oklahoma Street and Okmulgee Street. I invite you come have a look for yourselves from those streets and the vantage point of my back deck.

None of the above property owners can imagine what possible objection The City of Norman Historic Commission District can have to the height of a backyard privacy fence (partially already existing) that all of the property owners want, and can't been seen from the street.

Respectfully Submitted,

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