

Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025

City of Norman, Planning and Community Development Department

225 N. Webster Ave.

Norman, OK 73072

RE: Steven Teel, Request for Variance, 490 Elm Ave

Dear Lora Haggett:

We live at 477 College Ave so own property backing onto Mr. Teel's property. We vigorously protest the requested variance. That three-story addition would be very close our house even without a variance. Run-off is an enormous problem on College Ave because Mr. Teel's lot has no planting or grass to absorb runoff in the back of the house. More roofs even closer to our house will cause flooding.

We're not willing to give Mr. Teel "the benefit of the doubt" because he has not lived up to promises he's made about either his property on 490 Elm or the one on he owns at 485 College Avenue that is in the historic district. That house has never met the historic district rules about fencing, grass and driveways in the front of the house. And it is in poor repair.

We built our new house in Chautauqua Historic District in 2017, immediately before that district was extended to College Avenue. We ensured we followed every rule about having the same footprint as the old house, the appearance of the front yard, planting trees to support the College Avenue canopy, and adopting scale and design to mesh with neighborhood.

Mr. Teel's plans endanger the neighborhood character and will make a water problem worse. We do not approve of his request for a variance.

Sincerely,



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