

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM MEMO  
REGULAR MEETING**

**SUBJECT:** An Ordinance Granting Variation Related to Setbacks for a Fence for the Property Located at 421 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Rochelle, Illinois

**Staff Contact:** Michelle Pease, Community Development Director

**Summary:** The petitioner is seeking a variance of setbacks to construct a proposed four-foot chain link fence beyond the building line at 421 S. 3rd Street. The property is zoned R5, Multi Family High Density Residential. The petitioner is requesting to extend the fence beyond the building line from the southeast corner of the driveway, south up to the public sidewalk, west parallel along the public sidewalk, then back north to the front southeast corner of the house.

Sec. 110-545- Residential, Security and Farm Fences (1). On corner lots, no fence or wall will extend beyond the street setback requirements, or building line, whichever is greater.

Compliance with Sec. 110-545 would place the petitioners fence directly through the middle of their usable yard, reducing the enclosed area to a 10' wide strip. The petitioner's reason for the request is to "ensure the safety of children by providing a minimally adequate enclosed play area along a busy street."

On Tuesday, September 6, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 7 to 0, to approve the approve the Variance of Code.

**Funding Sources:**

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:

**Strategic Plan Goal Application:** Incorporate dynamic planning and evaluation in City-wide planning.

**Recommendation:** Approve the ordinance Granting Variation Related to Setbacks for a Fence for the Property Located at 421 S. 3rd Street.