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Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:51 AM
To: Lobato, Elena
Subject: Fwd: Grievance re: 21 Marland Road variance

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Hi, Elena,
My neighbor blind copied me on this and I wanted to make sure you received. I think several other people wrote.

I'm almost finished with my presentation. What time do you absolutely need it?

Thanks, Amy

Begin forwarded message:

From: Melissa <mkwetburkett@gmail.com>
Subject: Grievance re: 21 Marland Road variance
Date: January 19, 2021 at 11:17:44 PM MST
To: alex.osborne@coloradosprings.gov

Dear Mr. Osborne,

This email is in regards to the appeal of a variance given to 21 Marland that allows them not to comply with City Code and keep a very tall fence in our neighborhood. We do not agree that the variance is needed and we support the appeal.

For close to 20 years we have lived to the south of an abandoned, dilapidated house that City Code Enforcement is certainly familiar with (and has been condemned). We have had to contend with looters, animals, teenage parties, and even vagrants cutting trees and trying to steal items from the backyard. Still, we have only a 6' fence on the property border because that is what is allowed by the covenants and City Code.

The idea that larger/taller fences are needed in this neighborhood for security is absurd. We would love to border a nice house like 17 Marland, and have a family that cared for their property and acted in a neighborly manner, as do all of the neighbors on this street.

In addition, I have become aware that 21 Marland claimed we, and several other neighbors, have a fence/retaining wall that violates City Code. This is not accurate in our

case or that of other homes on this street. We don't have *any* retaining walls on our property. Marland Road is essentially a street with primarily flat lots.

Some homeowners have very good reasons for needing variances from City Code. However, providing false information is an abuse of the process and wastes the City's time. This is especially frustrating for us, as we have repeatedly had issues with the condemned house bordering our property, and we have not requested a variance or other special exception or consideration.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter and hearing our concerns.

Regards,

Melissa Burkett