

11 Loring Ave., Plat 40, Lot 278 - Application for a Dimensional Variance. Abutter comments .

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Dear Zoning Board members,

I, Sergey Goldgaber, own the property at 81 Grotto Ave., Plat 40, Lot 275 that abuts 11 Loring Ave., Lot 278 to the west. I am writing in regards to the above referenced Application in order to erect 8-foot high fence.

These are my comments:

1. The proposed portion of the 8-foot high fence (marked in orange on the Application attached sketch) to the west of the applicant's Lot 278 will span the entire 52 feet of my backyard. Given the short distance (less than 30 feet) from the back of my house to the proposed 8-foot fence will surely cause me the feeling of confinement.
2. The subject Application uses the fact that there is an existing 8-foot high fence along the boundary between the Applicant's lot and lot 276. The existing fence on Lot 276 has been installed **without Zoning Board dimensional variance permission** and I'd like to use this opportunity to object the illegally constructed fence.
3. The DPD discussion mentions that the "...height increase.. (will) provide increased security." Apparently increased security is not the applicant's concern since the word "security" appears nowhere in their application. The applicant's concern, as the Application shows, is with "...appearance of the property...". The appearance of my property is important to me as well, and having a 52-foot long, 8-foot high solid fence across my entire backyard will lessen its attractiveness.
4. As for the matter of "increased privacy", the attached photograph of a portion of my backyard shows the existing 6-foot fence between the applicant's Lot 278 and my Lot 275. The photograph is taken from my second floor deck of my 3 story house. As you can see, adding extra 2 feet over the maximum allowed 6-foot height will do nothing to increase the applicant's privacy. I owned my property for twenty one years and two previous owners of Lot 278 never expressed their concern with neither the appearance nor privacy.

In conclusion, the proposed fence of increased height between the applicant's Lot 278 and my Lot 275, if granted, will have a feeling of a "spite fence", which will definitely diminish our enjoyment of our property.

I object in the strongest terms granting the applicants requested relief.

Sincerely,
Sergey Goldgaber
83 Grotto Ave.



LOT 278

6 feet

LOT 275