## Letter of Intent

To: The Board of Zoning Appeals

Property Location: 11486 Kemperknoll Lane

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## Request:

Grant an annual seasonal allowance for a temporary front yard garden fence otherwise meeting the fence ordinance 10-7.1 for the period of May 15<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> or other time frame as the board would deem acceptable.

Applicable Zoning Section: 10-7.1 Height and Open Face Area in Front and Side Yard No fence or wall shall be located in any defined front yard. A fence located in the defined side yard shall be built to a height greater than three (3') and shall have an open face area of no less that 50 percent or when constructed to a height of not more than four feet (4') above grade, shall have an open face area of no less than 75 percent. Fences and walls as provided in Sections 10-5.3 and 10-7.4 shall be exempt from height and openness requirements.

## Hardship:

A vegetable garden has been present in its current location since the house was built in 1997. The current location was chosen as there is no area in the side or back yard that has sufficient sun to support a vegetable garden.

## Supporting Information:

I have had a garden for fifty years, most with a fence, although none at Kemperknoll until this year. In the prior thirteen years the loss of produce has been significant as well as total decimation of some plants due to wildlife. I designed a temporary fence system over the last year and installed it this spring. I designed the fence to be removable as a means to protect the plants during their vulnerable 'tender' period while removal allows clear access for unencumbered soil preparation and garden clean up. With the fence in place I planted a number of additional vegetables. The fence has been 100% effective.

I have talked to my immediate neighbors, who have no issue with the fence and have been supportive and complimentary on the fence and garden.