



Dear Board Members of Sycamore Township,

We currently live at 4451 Emerald Ave property size is as follows, the front and rear yard are approximately 50ft wide and our side yards run 140ft long. The family name has been at this residence since 1952 when my parents purchased the home. Since then they have passed and I now own the home as well as I have been a proud resident and registered voter of Sycamore Township ever since. My family and I are coming to you in regards to the replacement of an old rickety chain link fence with a new improved 4ft split rail fence. I received a notice of Violations from Sycamore Township saying that I had violated 2 of the zoning resolutions. The first was section (10-2) which states that no accessory use or structure shall be established or constructed without a zoning certificate. The second violation (10-7.1) which states that no fence or wall shall be located in our defined front yard. . Since we live on a corner lot it is found by Sycamore Township that we have two front yards. We did not obtain a permit for the reason I thought permits were only required for a new structure, not replacing an existing structure. The new fence is locating in the same exact spot as the old fence. I also believed that since the old chain link fence had been there for over thirty five years it was considered a grandfather clause. Our intention was to improve a fence that was an eye sore to the community.

Our main reason for replacing the old chain link fence was to define our front yard from our neighbor's front yard as well as replacing a deteriorating structure. The old chain fence posts were loose in the ground which made the fence lean one way or another which you can tell by the old pictures I obtained from google maps. All in all it was an eye sore in our yard, especially after all of the great improvements we have accomplished in the past few years. I believe that it is not only a good thing for our family to keep improving our home as well as bringing up the property value and making the home look inviting. Hopefully we keep encouraging our neighborhood to keep improving their homes as well. All this family wants is to be able to enjoy our yard and the improvements as well as having our neighbor's being able to look out their front door at a good looking upstanding fence rather than an old deteriorating chain link fence. I believe that as home owners you can understand the wants and needs for improving our home.

We as a family and long time township residence are baffled at this issue at hand. This fence is a great addition to the neighborhood as well as the township. Our new fence causes no blind spots as far as driving in either direction. We believe that this fence should be granted to us with the respect that we only want to replenish the look of our neighborhood and also to keep our family and property safe. We as a family do not understand why living in a corner lot is subject to different resolutions when our lot does not obstruct traffic patterns. Those who do not live on a corner lot can have a fence in their front yard. We hope and pray that you as board members see things from our perspective and grant us in keeping our fence.

Sincerely,

The Mobley Family

4451 Emerald Ave.