



Legislation Text

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Consideration of and action on submitting a request to the Board of Adjustment for a six (6) inch variance to the height of a privacy fence to be constructed along the east property line of the Deer Park City Hall.

Summary:

At the August 21, 2018 and September 25, 2018 Workshops, Council discussed the possibility of adding new fencing along the east property line of the new City Hall, where municipal property abuts the backyards of homeowners on the west side of Dunn Circle. Installation of a new fence will create an improved sight and sound barrier between City Hall and these homes. Given the unique characteristics of the proximity of the new two-story building with a drive through right next to the neighbors backyards, the consensus of Council during workshop was that constructing a wooden fence seemed to be a reasonable request. The fence would be placed on the lot line, and while the City will retain ownership of it, the neighbors would be responsible for its future maintenance.

The fence is proposed to be seven (7) feet in height. Section 18-593 of the Zoning Ordinance limits the height of a fence in a Residential District to six (6) feet, six (6) inches. Therefore, a variance will be required. The next meeting date of the Board of Adjustment after the October 16, 2018 Council meeting is November 5, 2018. At that time, the Board of Adjustment can consider calling a public hearing for a future date on the variance request.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

Approve the submission of a request to the Board of Adjustment for a six (6) inch variance to the height of a privacy fence.