

December 29, 2025

Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

I am writing to request that you consider modifying your motion regarding the fence my contractor installed on my property at 1020 Cornwallis Lane, Munster, IN 46321.

Below is a summary of events that have taken place to date:

- I submitted an application for a building permit for a fence.
- I was advised to apply for a variance from the BZA.
- I applied for the variance as instructed.
- The BZA approved the variance with conditions.
- I received an automated email notice from Community Development Department that the permit was approved.
- I forwarded the permit to my contractor as I wanted to get the fence installed as soon as possible.
- I communicated to the contractor the conditions that the BZA set – “line of site and 25-30’ from curb”.
- The fence was installed and I believed that the conditions set by the BZA were satisfied.
- BZA Member Raffin approached me on my property on the day the fence was installed in an agitated manner to tell me that he felt the fence did not meet the conditions set by the BZA– it was an extremely uncomfortable encounter. I found member Raffin’s behavior to be extremely insulting and unprofessional. He stated that as a new neighbor it was very disappointing to him that I knew what he wanted and that I intentionally did something different anyway.
- I received an automated email notice from Community Development Department that the final inspection for the fence had failed.
- I contacted Sergio and asked for clarification, as I still believe that the installed location met the BZA conditions.
- Sergio and I met, we walked and reviewed the site, and discussed the matter in detail.
- We determined that the contractor used a 25’ setback from the South property line to maintain the “line of site” for the sidewalk and fence on the other side of the street.
- Sergio said the the zoning code allows the BZA to modify the decision and suggested that I return to the BZA and ask if they would consider modifying their motion, given the events and confusion over the range of a setback and line of site discussion.

I am enclosing photos for your review that will show the setback used as well as the line of site of my new fence in relation to the sidewalk and fence across the street.

I am requesting that the BZA modify their motion to state that “The fence may be installed 35 feet off of the southwest corner of the home toward Cobblestone Road” to accommodate the current location of the fence.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Keegan Kisala

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