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Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 10:37 AM
To: Morgan Veiman
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Subject: Formal Appeal – Fence Variance Denial – DSIBLDFH-052772-2026 – 737 Watson Avenue
Attachments: 737_Watson_Fence_Variance_Appeal_Packet_UPDATED.pdf; Application for Appeal Form-English - Revised 9-26-23.pdf

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Hi Morgan,

I am writing to formally appeal the denial of my fence variance for **737 Watson Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55102**, Permit **DSIBLDFH-052772-2026**.

Attached is my complete appeal packet for review by the Legislative Hearing Officer. It includes my appeal statement, Premier Fence's proposed site plan and fence specifications, documentation from Can Do Canines regarding my acceptance for a Diabetes Assist Dog and their fencing safety guidance, the PAULIE denial record, and photographs documenting the existing fence and site conditions.

I am requesting approval to replace the deteriorating existing enclosure with approximately **102 linear feet of six-foot cedar privacy fencing with steel posts and a lockable gate**. My request is based on the unique conditions of the corner lot, the existing approximately six-foot enclosure, the condition of the current fence and gates, and the disability-related need for a secure enclosure for my future Diabetes Assist Dog.

I also want to emphasize that I am **not requesting relief from required intersection visibility or public-safety standards**. I am willing to modify the fence specifically within any required corner visibility area through a setback, reduced height, open design, or other configuration acceptable to DSI while maintaining the six-foot secure enclosure along the remainder of the proposed fence line.

The PAULIE record states that the variance was denied and that I may appeal to the Legislative Hearing Officer, but I have not received substantive findings explaining the specific basis for the denial. If there are additional written findings, comments, or documentation from the Building Official regarding the denial, please send those to me so I can make sure any specific concerns are fully addressed.

Please treat this email and the attached packet as my request to proceed with the appeal. Would you please confirm:

- that you received the attached appeal materials;
- whether I need to submit a separate appeal form;
- whether the materials should also be sent directly to Legislative Hearings; and
- the next steps and anticipated hearing date.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Hello,

Your fence variance has been denied by the Building Official, Nathan Bruhn.

He noted: May appeal to the legislative hearing officer.

Thank you,

Morgan Veiman

Review Coordinator

Access your record online here

This is a no-reply e-mail address. To contact us, please send an e-mail to Morgan.Veiman@ci.stpaul.mn.us

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