

# VILLAGE OF GLENCOE

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#### **Virtual Meeting Information**

As the Village of Glencoe and its partner agencies continue to follow social distancing requirements and Governor Pritzker's *Restore Illinois* Plan, the February 22, 2021 Fence Board of Appeals meeting will be held virtually via telephone and video conference (individuals may participate either by telephone or by video conference). Individuals may call the following to participate in the meeting:

#### **By Telephone:**

Phone Number: (312) 626-6799 Webinar ID: 922 5276 2658

#### By Zoom Video Conference:

Zoom video conference link: Click here

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#### **Public Comment Submittal Options**

#### **Option 1: Submit Comments by E-Mail Prior to Meeting**

Public comments can be submitted in advance of the meeting by e-mail to <a href="mailto:glencoemeeting@villageofglencoe.org">glencoemeeting@villageofglencoe.org</a>. Public comments received by 6:30 p.m. or one hour before the start of the Fence Board of Appeals meeting will be read during the Fence Board of Appeals meeting under Public Comment. Any comments received during the meeting may be read at the end of the meeting.

All e-mails received will be acknowledged. Public comment is limited to 400 words or less. E-mailed public comments should contain the following:

- The Subject Line of the e-mail should include the following text: "February 1st FBA Meeting Public Comment"
- Name of person submitting comment (address can be provided, but is not required)
- Organization or agency person is submitting comments on behalf of, if applicable
- Topic or agenda item number of interest, or indicate if the public comment is on a matter not listed on the ZBA meeting agenda

#### **Option 2: Submit Comments by Phone Prior to Meeting**

Individuals without access to e-mail may submit their comments through a voice message by calling (847) 461-1100. Verbal public comments will be read aloud during the meeting and will be limited to three minutes.



# AGENDA VILLAGE OF GLENCOE FENCE BOARD OF APPEALS SPECIAL MEETING

Virtual Meeting February 22, 2021 7:30pm

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Howard Roin, Chair Sara Elsasser David Friedman Alex Kaplan Scott Novack John Satter

- 2. CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR VARIATIONS TO ALLOW A FENCE EXCEEDING THE ALLOWABLE HEIGHT AND DENSITY AT 391 SHERIDAN ROAD.
- 3. ADJOURN

The Village of Glencoe is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend the meeting who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, are requested to contact the Village of Glencoe at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting at (847) 835-4114, or the Illinois Relay Center at (800) 526-0844, to allow the Village of Glencoe to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.



# VILLAGE OF GLENCOE MEMORANDUM

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### Fence Board of Appeals Memorandum

**DATE:** February 8, 2021

**TO:** Fence Board of Appeals

**FROM:** Taylor Baxter, AICP, Development Services Manager

Rich McGowan, Planner

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of fence variances to increase maximum allowable height and

density at 391 Sheridan Road

**Background:** The applicant is requesting variations from the following three sections of the Buildings and Construction code:

- 1) Section 9-75(a)(2): To increase the maximum allowable fence height from four feet to six feet in a front yard;
- 2) Section 9-75(a)(4): To increase the maximum allowable fence height from five feet to six feet in a corner side yard; and
- 3) Section 9-76(b): To increase the maximum fence density for a fence above four feet in in a front and corner side setback from 25% to approximately 95%.

	Existing	Allowed/Required	Proposed
Front yard fence height	N/A	4 ft.	6 ft.
(max., along Sheridan			
and Sunset)			
Corner side yard fence	N/A	5 ft.	6 ft.
height (along South)			
Fence density within	N/A	25%	~95%
front or side corner			
setbacks for fences			
higher than 4 ft.			

This lot is considered a "corner lot" and a "through lot", which means that it has corner lot fence height restrictions and two front yards: one front yard abutting Sunrise Circle and the other abutting Sheridan Road. The subject property is in the R-A single-family Residential Zoning District.

The applicant has requested a six-foot-high opaque wood fence along the majority of the side corner (north) property line along South Avenue, four feet inside the front (east) property line along Sunset

Circle, and along the majority of the interior side (south) property line. While the fence along the south property line does extend into the front yard setback along Sheridan Road, no fence is proposed parallel to Sheridan. There is no sidewalk along the property frontage on South Avenue or Sunrise Circle.

**Analysis:** The Buildings and Construction code includes the following standards for the consideration of fence variation requests:

(a) The variation if granted will not alter the essential character of the locality;

A fence of the proposed height and opacity would be unusual along a street frontage in the area. While other through lots along Sheridan Road and Sunset Circle have fences that exceed the allowable height, there are none near the subject property that combine a six-foot height and nearly complete opacity. While there are no similar fences nearby along Sunset Circle or South Avenue, the proposed location of the fence may make it less intrusive than if it were located adjacent to a sidewalk.

Per the applicant, the variation will not alter the essential character of this locality because the proposed fence will be above street level and will match the approximate height of the existing plantings and not alter the streetscape. If granted, the applicant has proposed appropriate landscaping on either side of the fence to further promote the history and character of the locality.

(b) The variation will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the fence ordinance;

Part of the intent of the fence ordinance is to preserve public safety. Per the applicant, the proposed variance is in harmony with that intent, as the location and design of the fence includes the preservation of the sight line on the corner of Sunrise Circle and South Street, thereby promoting safety of those utilizing the surrounding streets.

The fence ordinance also protects the pedestrian experience by preventing tall, opaque fences near places where people will be walking. While the proposed fences are likely to be visible from the street, they are not adjacent to sidewalks.

The fence ordinance also protects the aesthetic appearance of the Village. The proposed fences are likely to be more visible than others in typical front or corner side yards. This may be mitigated by their placement away from the street and by the lack of adjacent sidewalks.

(c) The variation will set no unfavorable precedent either to the immediate neighborhood or to the village as a whole; and

The property is unique because: (a) it is on two corners, and it is bound by three streets, (b) the functional backyard is technically a front yard for purposes of fence height restrictions, and (c) it is the only home on Sunrise Circle with the back of the home facing Sunrise Circle. The home therefore is distinguishable from other homes in the immediate neighborhood and the Village as a whole.

(d) The variation will not affect public safety.

The proposed fence will not affect public safety, as it has been designed to avoid adverse impact to sight lines.

This variation request received printed public notice at least 15 days prior to the public hearing. Additionally, owners of properties within 300 feet of the subject property were notified.

**Recommendation:** Based on the materials presented and the public hearing, it is the recommendation of staff that the variation request of be accepted or denied.

**Motion:** The Fence Board of Appeals may make a motion as follows:

Move to <u>accept/deny</u> the request for variations to increase the maximum allowable fence height and density at 391 Sheridan Road.

## **Notice of Appeal**

Property Address:	Real Estate Index Number :	
Fence Board of Appeals		
Village of Glencoe		
Glencoe, IL 60022		
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Dear Fence Board of Appeals Members	:	
	harged with the enforcement of the Glencoe Fence Orc	linance. It is my desire to
I require a fence variation increasing the	he allowable fence height fromfeet to _	feet.
Therefore, I desire a variation in the apseeking this variation.	oplication of the regulations of this code and t I note th	e following reasons for
(1)		
A		discretive adia count to according allowed
As a result of the construction on sumse and the a	adjacent streets, there are increased number of tall trucks and vans parked	directly adjacent to our backyard.
(2)		
(3)		
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(4)		
we will also be doing plantings on both sides	of the fence so that it blends into the yard of the property.	
Appellant	Address	
Telephone	Date	

Please deliver this form with any supporting material to:

Public Works Department Village of Glencoe 675 Village Court Glencoe, Illinois 60022

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#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF FENCE VARIANCE REQUEST

TO: Village of Glencoe

SUBJECT: Additional Information in Support of Variance re: 391 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL

FROM: Meredith Katz and Joseph Rudas (Homeowners)

- 1. The variation from the Fence Ordinance will not alter the essential character of the locality: If granted, the variation will not alter the essential character of this locality for the following reasons. The proposed fence will be approximately 3' to 6' above street level and match the approximate height of the existing plantings, so it will not alter the streetscape. Further, if granted, appropriate plantings on either side of the proposed fence will be planted and maintained to further promote the existing character and history of the locality. Given the lack of light (due to the thick tree canopies), the plantings will be thoughtfully selected to promote healthy growth, as opposed to the current plantings. Finally, although we are requesting the fence variance for our backyard, there are other houses on Sunrise Circle that have screening walls (not made of plantings) in their front yards (i.e., facing Sunrise Circle).
- 2. The variance is not out of harmony with the general purpose and intent of fence ordinance. The intent of the fence ordinance is to preserve public safety. The variance is in harmony with that intent, as the location and design of the fence includes the preservation of the sight line on the corner of Sunrise Circle and South Street (depicted on the proposed fence diagram), thereby promoting safety of those utilizing the surrounding streets.
- 3. Granting the variance does not set an unfavorable precedent to the immediate neighborhood or Village as a whole. Granting the variance does not set an unfavorable precedent, as the property is very unique because: (a) it is on two corners, and it is bound by 3 streets, (b) the backyard is treated as a front yard for purposes of fence height restrictions (which is why the 6 foot fence is prohibited) but for all other purposes it is a backyard, and (c) it is the only home on Sunrise Circle with the back of the home facing Sunrise Circle. The home therefore is distinguishable from other homes in the immediate neighborhood and the Village as a whole.
- 4. <u>Granting the variation will not affect public safety</u>. The proposed fence will not affect public safety, as it is intended to replace failing plantings (which are a direct result of lack of sunlight due to existing tree canopies). Also, as noted above, the fence has been specifically designed to avoid adverse impact to sight lines.

### PLAT OF SURVEY

LOT 13 IN M.A. PANCOE SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN RUBEN'S AND ORB'S SUBDIVISION OF PART OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY. ILLINOIS.

PIN NO.: 05-08-303-015 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 391 Sheridan Rd., Glencoe, IL 60022



Scale: 1 Inch = 30 Feet Distances are marked in feet and decimals.

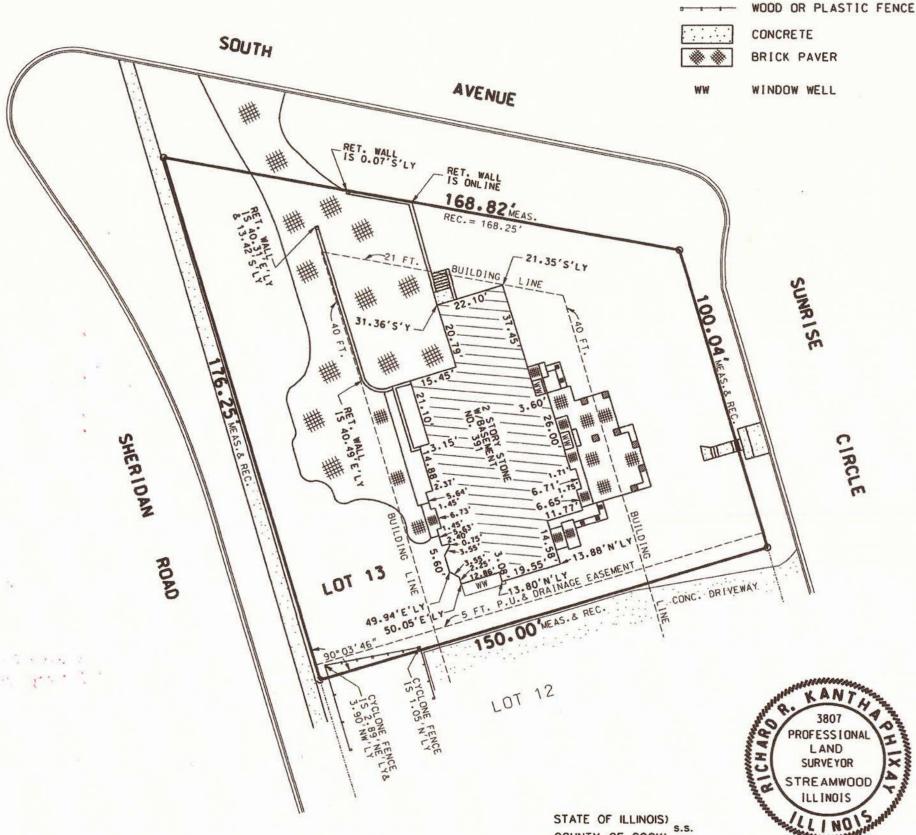
#### KANTHAPHIXAY LAND SURVEYING

RICHARD R. KANTHAPHIXAY 17 N. Ridge Court Streamwood, IL 60107 Phone: (630)736-5633 Cell: (630)973-7491

#### LEGEND

- FOUND IRON ROD FOUND IRON PIPE FOUND MAG NAIL
- SET IRON PIPE
- IRON PIPE OR 0 ROD NOT FOUND

000 CHAIN LINK FENCE



#### NOTES:

- a.) Utility data other than physical evidence visible on the ground is shown as per records obtained from private and public sources as indicated and should be assumed to be approximate.
- b.) Compare all points before building by same and at once report any difference. For building and easement lines and other restrictions not shown hereon, refer to your obstract, deed contract or zoning ordinance.

Ordered By: Val Lykholap Field work done: 10/3/20 Drawn by: RK

COUNTY OF COOK)

I, RICHARD R. KANTHAPHIXAY , o Illinois Professional land Surveyor, hereby certify that a survey has been made, at and under my direction, of the property described above, and that the survey hereon drawn is a correct representation of said survey and conforms to the current Illinois minimum standards for a boundary survey.

Streamwood, Illinois, October 6, A.D. 2020

Illinois Professional Land Surveyor

Certificate No. 3807 Expiration date: 11-30-2022

#### FENCE VARIANCE

#### KATZ-RUDAS RESIDENCE 391 SHERIDAN ROAD. + GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

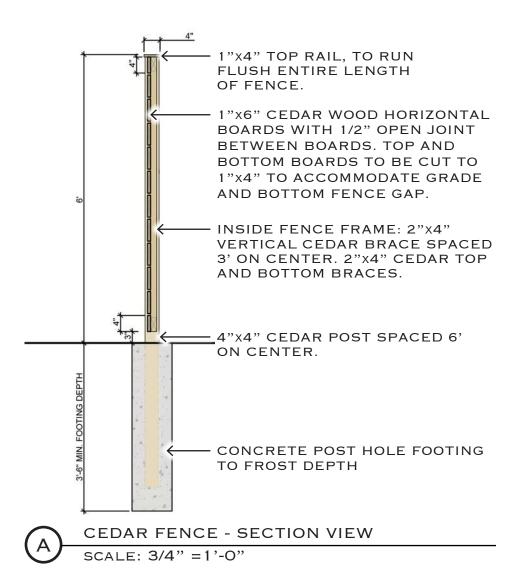


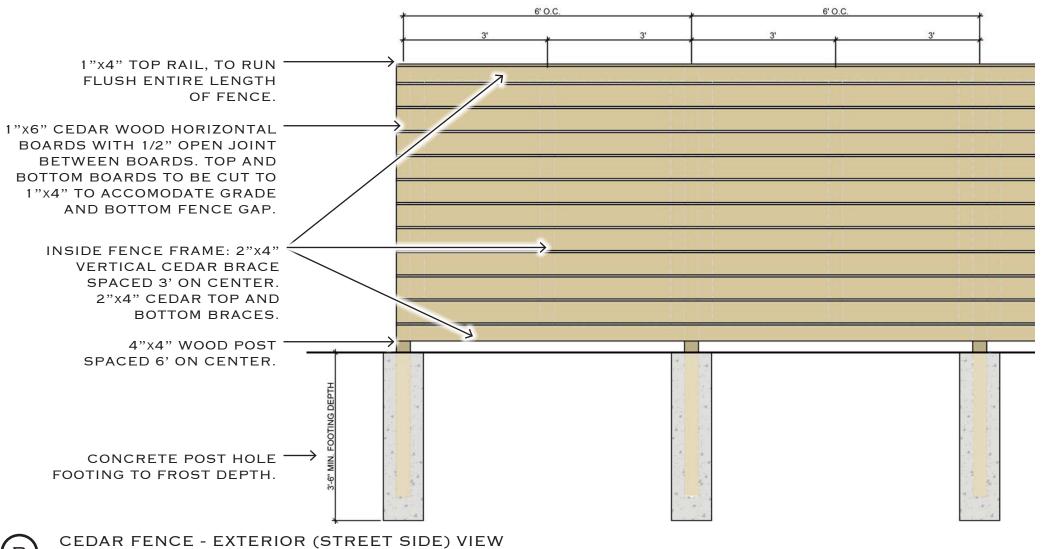
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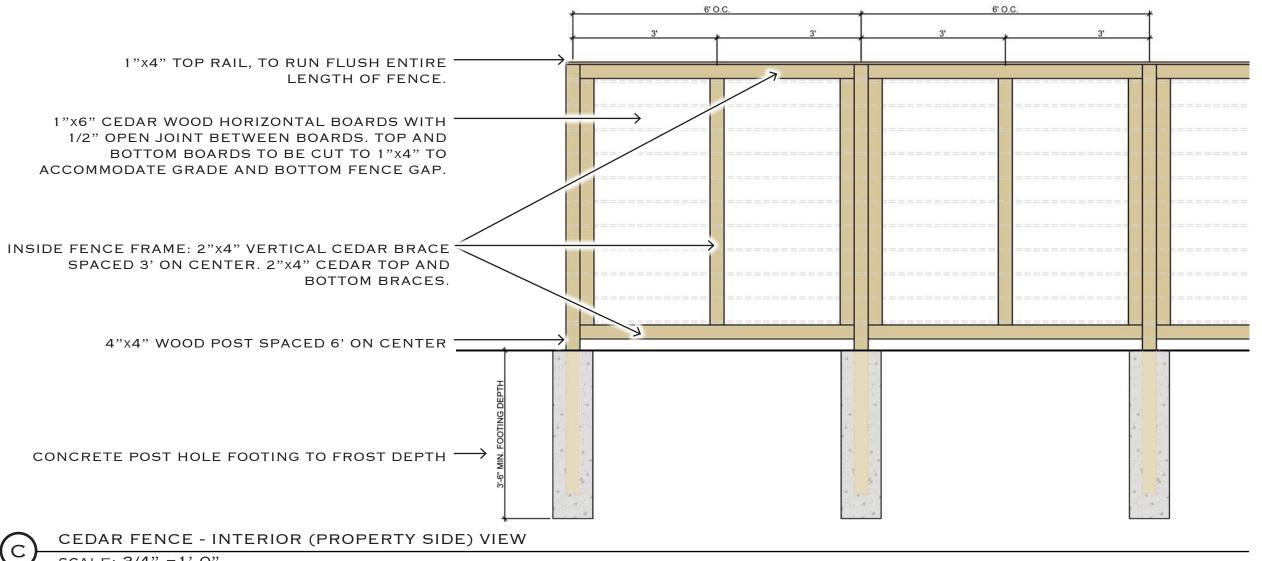
009 - EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN, TYP. 12' CORNER LOT SIGHT TRIANGLES TO REMAIN CLEAR OF OBSTRUCTED VIEWS. PROPERTY LINE PROPOSED 6' HT WOOD FENCE TO SCREEN SUNRISE CIRCLE, CAR LIGHTS AND PARKED CARS. VARIANCE REQUESTED FOR 91 LF WOOD FENCE SUNRISE CIRCLE - CUL DE SAC DEAD END STREET. PARKING ALLOWED ON STREET. 6' HT WOOD FENCE WITH
(1) 42" WIDE GATE AS
ALLOWED BY CODE. SUNRISE CIRCLE, CAR LIGHTS, AND 356 SUNRISE CIRCLE DRIVEWAY WITH PARKED CARS. VARIANCE REQUESTED FOR 35 LF WOOD FENCE AT 6' HEIGHT. BY CODE. 71 LF PROPOSED 6' HT WOOD FENCE TO SCREEN 356 SUNRISE CIRCLE NEIGHBORING AND PARKED CARS. FENCE TO TERMINATE AT EXISTING ALUMINUM — 356 SUNRISE CIRCLE NEIGHBORING DRIVEWAY WITH PARKED CARS TO SCREEN. FENCE. VARIANCE REQUESTED FOR 11.5 LF WOOD FENCE AT 6' HEIGHT. EXISTING 356 SUNRISE CIRCLE — NEIGHBOR'S ALUMINUM FENCE, LOCATED ON 391 SHERIDAN ROAD PROPERTY. \*\*\* rocco fiore & sons, inc.\_\_\_\_ 20-1,38

NORTH PLAN NO.





SCALE: 3/4" = 1'-0"



SCALE: 3/4" =1'-0"

#### EXISTING PROPERTY SIGHT TRIANGLE VIEWS



**SOUTH AVENUE ELEVATION - EXISTING CONDITIONS** 

SOUTH AVENUE - PUBLIC

RIGHT OF WAY

SOUTH AVENUE



EXISTING PLANTINGS TO REMAIN

SOUTH AVENUE ELEVATION - APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PROPOSED 6' HT FENCE

#### EXISTING PROPERTY SIGHT TRIANGLE VIEWS

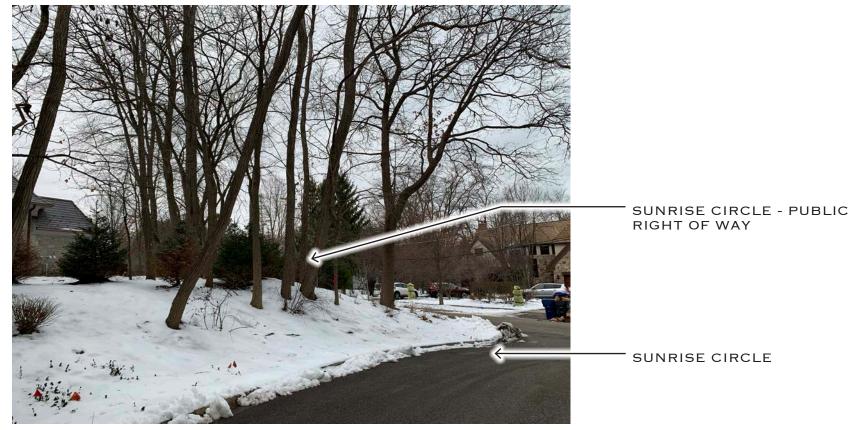


SUNRISE CIRCLE AND SOUTH AVENUE CORNER - EXISTING CONDITIONS



SUNRISE CIRCLE AND SOUTH AVENUE CORNER - APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PROPOSED 6' HT FENCE

#### EXISTING PROPERTY SIGHT TRIANGLE VIEWS



#### SUNRISE CIRCLE CORNER - EXISTING CONDITIONS

6' HT FENCE



SUNRISE CIRCLE - APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PROPOSED 6' HT FENCE



EXISTING DRIVEWAY WITH TREGULARLY PARKED CARS ALONG PROPERTY LINE.

PROPOSED LOCATION OF

6' HT FENCE.

SUNRISE CIRCLE

RIGHT OF WAY.

SUNRISE CIRCLE - PUBLIC

#### 356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - EXISTING DRIVEWAY AND PARKING CONDITIONS



356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PROPOSED 6' HT FENCE



EXISTING DRIVEWAY WITH REGULARLY PARKED CARS ALONG PROPERTY LINE.

EXISTING DRIVEWAY WITH REGULARLY PARKED CARS ALONG PROPERTY LINE.

356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - EXISTING DRIVEWAY AND PARKING CONDITIONS - VIEW FROM INSIDE PROPERTY



PROPOSED LOCATION OF 6' HT FENCE.

356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PROPOSED 6' HT FENCE



EXISTING DRIVEWAY
WITH REGULARLY
PARKED CARS.



WITH REGULARLY PARKED CARS.

SUNRISE CIRCLE

SUNRISE CIRCLE - EXISTING TYPICAL STREET PARKING CONDITIONS - VIEW FROM INSIDE PROPERTY



PROPOSED LOCATION OF 6' HT FENCE.

SUNRISE CIRCLE - APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PROPOSED 6' HT FENCE



356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - EXISTING IRON FENCE

SHERIDAN ROAD

EXISTING DRIVEWAY WITH REGULARLY PARKED CARS ALONG PROPERTY LINE.

356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - EXISTING DRIVEWAY AND PARKING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED LOCATION OF 6' HT FENCE.

356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PROPOSED 6' HT FENCE

#### SOUTH AVENUE DEAD END SOUTH AVENUE OVERLOOK PARK



SOUTH AVENUE DEAD END AND SOUTH AVENUE OVERLOOK PARK ENTRANCE



SOUTH AVENUE OVERLOOK ENTRANCE MAIN PATHWAY



SOUTH AVENUE OVERLOOK HOURS OF OPERATION AND MAIN PATHWAY.



SOUTH AVENUE OVERLOOK COUNCIL RING SEATING SPACE



604 WOODLAWN RESIDENCE - SIMILAR LOT CONDITONS - 2011 VARIANCE
GRANTED 6' HT FENCE VARIANCE ALONG PUBLIC SIDEWALK AND GROVE STREET





356 SUNRISE CIRCLE -**EXISTING IRON FENCE** 

SHERIDAN ROAD

356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - EXISTING DRIVEWAY AND PARKING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED LOCATION OF -6' HT FENCE.

EXISTING DRIVEWAY WITH REGULARLY PARKED CARS

ALONG PROPERTY LINE.

356 SUNRISE CIRCLE - APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF PROPOSED 6' HT FENCE