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William B. Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

I have been asked by Ted Payne in the Office of Community Inspections to provide the basis on which the height of the fence in the side and rear yard of 4631 - 5th Street, South is calculated. Section 32, Subsection D.3.e. permits a fence or wall along the rear lot line or along a side lot line to the rear of the required setback line at a height not to exceed seven (7) feet.

The 7 foot height limit for a fence applies to both sides; therefore, the vertical distance from the top of the fence to the natural grade in line with each face is the appropriate measure. When there is a difference in the vertical measurement between each side of a fence, the larger of the distances is used as the measure of height. Furthermore, the height restriction applies throughout the entire length of a fence, so that at any given location the maximum permitted height cannot be exceeded. This means that in the case of uneven topography, the line establishing the maximum permitted height along the length of a fence is a contour following the topography at the specified height.

Sincerely,

ZONING ADMINISTRATION

H. Glidden
Zoning Administrator

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