GEORGETOWN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 10:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING due to COVID-19

NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING

THIS MEETING IS BY CONFERENCE CALL ONLY; THE TOWN HALL WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THIS MEETING

MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Chair, Tom Elliott Mary Riddle Clark Coralue Anderson Sharon Rossino Vacant Seat

- Minutes of September 23, 2020 meeting
- Jessica Schoening & Christy Capet 1600 Main St.- Meadows Residential District Fence height

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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If you would like to leave a comment, please call: 303-569-2555 ext. 2 or email:

townclerk@townofgeorgetown.us and we will give you details regarding the meeting

The Board of Adjustment will attend the meeting electronically, as permitted by the Open Meetings Law, CRS 24-6-402(1)(b)

GEORGETOWN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING MINUTES September 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Georgetown Board of Adjustment on September 23, 2020 was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and was a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 regulations.

ROLL CALL

Answering the roll were members Tom Elliott, Chairman, Mary Riddle Clark, Coralue Anderson, and Sharon Rossino. Town Administrator, Kent Brown was present, and Town Clerk Jennifer Yobski was present as recording secretary.

AUDIENCE

Scott Sounart

NEW BUSINESS

<u>Scott Sounart – 265 Clear Creek Dr. - Variance request to reduce front setback</u> distance for a proposed second-story deck

Scott Sounart, owner of 265 Clear Creek Dr., applied for a variance to reduce the front setback distance for a proposed second story deck. The application and fee were received at the Town Hall on August 18, 2020. Scott Sounart reduced the length of the deck by a couple of feet, from ten feet to eight feet, from the original schematic.

The Design Review Commission at its September 10, 2020 meeting reviewed the project and made its recommendation to approve the variance request to the Board of Adjustment.

The Board of Adjustment went through the consideration of the variance criteria and determined the porch would be appropriate, useful and enhance the house from the street appearance.

Mary Riddle Clark made a motion to approve the Variance request of five feet onto the front setback at 265 Clear Creek Dr., Coralue Anderson provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Rossino made a motion to approve the June 12, 2020 minutes as presented, Coralue Anderson seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.

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Sharon Rossino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m., Coralue An	derson
seconded and the motion passed with unanimous vote.	

Tom Elliott, Chairman	Jennifer Yobski, Town Clerk

GEORGETOWN BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON VARIANCE APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Georgetown Board of Adjustment to consider an application filed by Jessica Schoening and Christy Capet for a variance to the Georgetown Municipal Code section 17.20.010(7) Absent a duly approved variance, no fence or wall shall exceed six (6) feet in height as measured from the preexisting natural grade, except that in a front yard, fences or walls shall not exceed four (4) feet in height from the preexisting natural grade. Approval of the application would allow exemption from the fence height maximum requirement. The full application may be examined at Town Hall, 404 6th Street and at www.townofgeorgetown.us. Questions may be directed to the Town Clerk at 303.569.2555 extension 2.

The Board of Adjustment will consider this request at a public hearing commencing at 10:00 am on January 12, 2021, as a virtual meeting by Zoom teleconferencing.

To attend the meeting:

www.zoom.us Webinar ID: 837 8545 6626

Or Telephone: +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799

Interested parties may give testimony at the hearing and/or send written comments to the Georgetown Board of Adjustment, P.O. Box 426, Georgetown, CO 80444, or by email to: townclerk@townofgeorgetown.us

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APPLICATION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

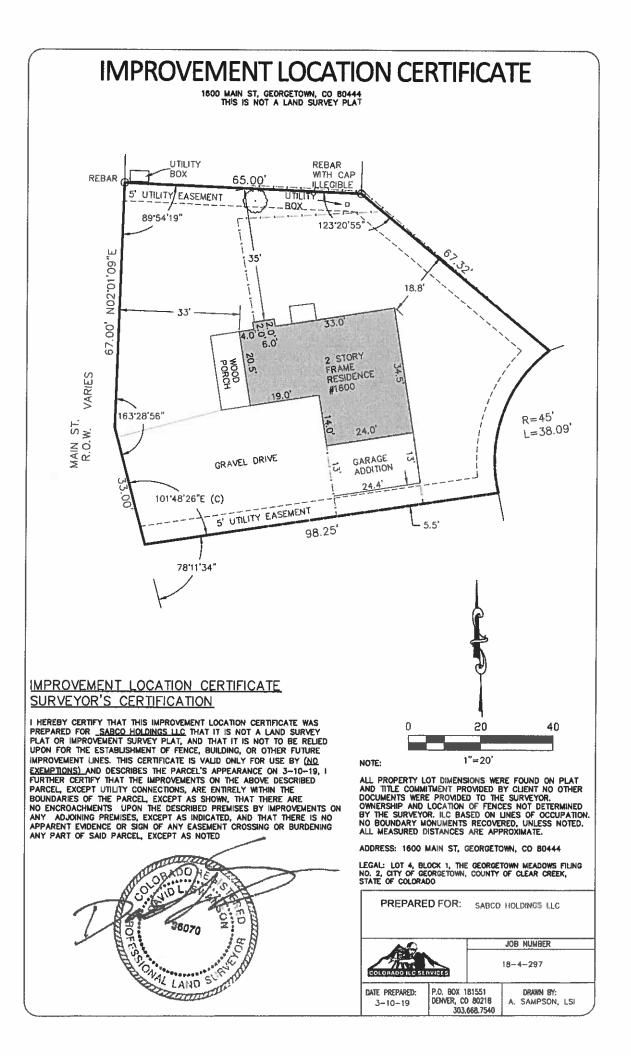
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APPLI	CANT					
	Jessica Schoening & Christy Capet Owner & Agent					
U	Name					
	1600 main St. Georgetown, CO 80444					
-	Mailing Address					
	1500 wooten dr. Austin, TX 78787					
_	Mailing Address For Notices If Different From Above					
	512-799-0917					
	Telephone Fax					
PROPE	RTY SUBJECT TO APPLICATION					
1600	Street Address Location: main St. Georgetown, CO 80444					
	Legal description and total acreage (may attach): Plot a Hached - U Bedroom Single Family home					
	Zoning classification:					
	Present use of subject property. Valuation home to be retirement home					
ar)	Property owner(s) if different from applicant (inclusive of mineral owners/lessees*):					
	Name Mailing Address Telephone					

concise and plain statement of requested variance, including reference to specific zoning regulation subject to variance request: we hived a local contractor and spend 155,000 on landscaping & fencing. We did not realize it was not permitted and are hoping to regetiate the details.

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	Notice published in newspaper (15 days in advance) or: Notice posted at Town Hall on:					
	Proof of notice to mineral estate owners (if applicable):					





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The Town of Georgetown

P.O. Box 426 Georgetown, Colorado 80444-0426 (303) 569-2555

October 26, 2020

Christy Capet and Jessica Schoening 1500 Wooten Dr. Austin, TX 78757

RE: Fence at 1600 Main St.

Christy Capet and Jessica Schoening:

This letter follows up on our prior contacts regarding the referenced illegal fence.

On October 2, 2020, you were informed by email that the fence that was constructed at 1600 Main St. violates town codes, which restricts front yard fences to 4 feet in height and side yard fences to 6 feet in height. A copy of that email is attached. Furthermore, a certificate of appropriateness is required from the Design Review Commission (DRC) before construction. This fence was constructed without any required approvals.

You filled out a Design Review Commission (DRC) application and attended the October 8, 2020 DRC meeting. At that meeting, the Design Review Commission delayed action in light of the requirements for a variance for a fence of this height. At that meeting, it was made clear that a zoning variance application would need to be approved **before a fence could be constructed**. The town has not received a variance application and town staff has not been contacted by you regarding a variance application. Since no additional action is being taken, you are directed to remove both the front and back yard fences that violates town code. Any new fencing must receive the required permits and certificate of appropriateness from the DRC.

If the fencing is not removed by November 27, 2020, then the Town will have to take additional action to have the fence removed and the property owner charged with the cost to remove them.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kent Brown

Town Administrator

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Town Administrator

From:

Town Administrator

Sent:

Friday, October 2, 2020 4:41 PM

To:

'jncapet@gmail.com'; 'hastingsremodelingllc@gmail.com'

Cc:

'Gerald Dahl'; Town Clerk

Subject:

1600 Main St., Georgetown, CO

Attachments:

Variance application.pdf; Variance checklist_061317 ADOPTED.pdf

Christy Capet and Jessica Schoening 512-799-0917 1500 Wooten Dr. Austin, TX 78757 incapet@gmail.com

To Christy Capet and Jessica Schoening:

Town staff was contacted regarding 1600 Main St. There has been a fence constructed around the property at 1600 Main St. that violates town code.

From Georgetown Town Code - https://library.municode.com/co/georgetown/codes/municipal_code

17.20.010 - Fences, hedges and walls.

A fence, hedge or wall shall be permitted in any district, subject to the specific requirements and design criteria of the district and to the following additional requirements:

(1)All fences and walls shall be subject to the requirements of the building code.

- (2)It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to locate all property lines; and no fence, hedge or wall shall extend beyond or across a property line unless in joint agreement with the abutting property owner.
- (3)No fence, hedge or wall shall be placed nearer than six (6) inches to any public sidewalk or within any public right-of-way.
- (4)No barbed wire or other sharp, pointed fence shall be permitted, except as a temporary fence around a construction site during the period of construction or as a permanent fence to protect the public from contact with hazardous equipment or materials (such as electrical transformers, heavy construction equipment, propane storage tanks, etc.). Barbed wire on such fences shall be no less than eight (8) feet above the ground.
- (5) No electrically charged fence shall be permitted in any district.
- (6)On corner lots, no fence, hedge, structure, wall or landscaping display shall interfere with the unobstructed view over thirty-six (36) inches above the nearest street in a triangular area formed by the three (3) points established by:a. The intersection of the property lines at the corner; and b. By measuring twenty (20) feet back from this intersection on each property line, except that rail-type fences not exceeding forty-two (42) inches in height, with not more than two (2) four-inch rails, may be permitted in the restricted triangular area
- (7)Absent a duly approved variance, no fence or wall shall exceed six (6) feet in height as measured from the preexisting natural grade, except that in a front yard, fences or walls shall not exceed four (4) feet in height from the preexisting natural grade.

(Ord. 320, Art. IV(A), 1981; Ord. 2 §1, 2003)

As per sections highlighted in yellow, fences are only allowed to a certain height without a variance. I've attached the variance application and the variance checklist. However, I was frank with the building contractor on site – Brad Hastings – that a variance is very unlikely to be approved for the fencing facing the front yard and street right of way next to the house. The fence will need to be removed until a variance is approved. If it is not reset to the allowed height, abatement will be sought in municipal court for the fence to be removed and the costs charged to the property

owner. This is a code violation that has been noticed by a number of neighbors and officials in the Town of Georgetown and needs to be rectified.

In addition, you were contacted about the property not receiving a certificate of appropriateness from the Design Review Commission before any changes were undertaken on the property.

I will include the town code section on the Design Review Commission.

17.08.030 - Restrictions.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, the following restrictions shall apply to all development within the Town::

(1)The erection, moving, demolition, alteration or addition to, or the external reconstruction or external restoration of any building or structure, inclusive of driveways, parking areas, patios, sidewalks and walkways, fences and walls, but excluding and excepting live vegetation (trees, shrubs and flora) utilized in landscaping and man-made landscaping structures less than fifteen (15) inches in height above grade, yard art, and signs for which no permit is required under the Town's sign regulations, shall be prohibited unless a certificate of appropriateness has been granted by the Design Review Commission.

The entire Chapter 17.08 is dedicated to the Design Review Commission. They also have 3 books of guidelines – that are available on the town's website at

http://cms7.revize.com/revize/georgetownco/Book%20III%20revised%20June%202010.pdf

Actually – that is the link for Book III. Book III covers the Millsite, Meadows and Gateway Design Districts. 1600 Main is within the Meadows Design District. Please review the guidelines. The DRC board will refer to them in any review of your property. In addition, if you apply for a variance, the DRC will give a recommendation on any variance before it is sent to the Board of Adjustment.

The Town of Georgetown is a part of a National Historic Landmark District and has specific rules for any alteration of any structure within the town limits.

Please advise at the earliest opportunity regarding the steps that will be taken at 1600 Main St. to meet the town code. Thank you.

Kent Brown
Town Administrator
Town of Georgetown
404 6th St., P.O. Box 426
Georgetown, CO 80444
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Town Administrator
Town of Georgetown, Colorado

Property Address: 1600 Main St. Georgetown, CO 80444

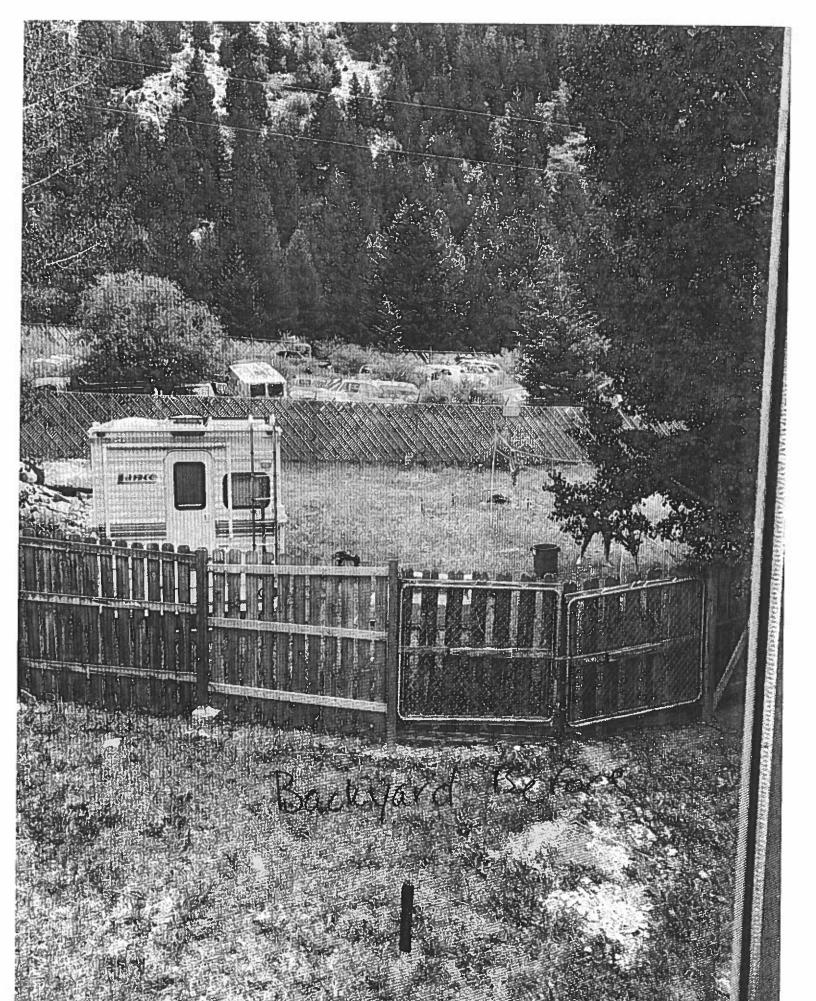
We are writing in regards to the property listed above (1600 Main St. Georgetown, Colorado 80444) and the variance application for our fence that was completed on October 1, 2020. In July 2020, we hired a local general contractor, Brad Hastings, from Georgetown, for our landscaping project. We discussed the need to contain our two large husky/akita dogs and desired to replace the dilapidated and leaning fence on all sides of our property. We also wanted an extended height in the back of the property to partially block the view of the junk scrap yard and the truck camper that is parked in the public cul de sac behind us. Jessica attended the DRC commission meeting on October 8, 2020, and we were instructed to fill out a zoning variance application in accordance to Section 17.32.020 (c) (2) of the Georgetown Municipal Code and pay the associated fee.

We bought this property in Georgetown as a second home with the ultimate plan of retiring here and living full-time. We have been able to visit about once a month thus far, continuing to work on finishing the house and making it our own. It took us some time to find the special cedar plank which also matches the ceilings on all the exterior porches. The new fence was placed in front of the old fence following the established patterns, including the multiple grade levels of the yard that separate the two elevated homes to our right. We spent \$55,000 on this landscape project and have supported the local community's economy by having local workers complete the job. In addition to hiring local services, we wanted someone familiar with local ordinances to provide guidance and recommendations on what is and what is not permitted. We were unaware of the town's code requirement that a design committee review prior to fence reconstruction was necessary as there was a preexisting fence on the property.

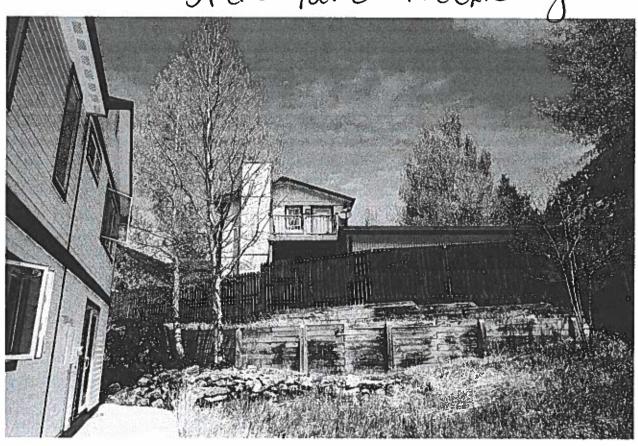
In order to have a duly approved variance, we are willing to lower the side yard fence that is front facing towards the street from 8-feet to 6-feet in height. We are concerned that a 4-feet fence would not contain our Huskitas to be in compliance with the city ordinance regarding dogs. Furthermore, we do not have a front yard fence given its location in the design of our home. This side yard fence ends 2 inches prior to the start of the home's facade, and therefore it should not be included in the 4-feet regulation. The back of the house also has various elevations due to pre-existing retaining walls which were reinforced and the fence now starts at the top of the retaining wall. There is also a junk yard in the back and a street that is not paved or maintained. This area is public domain that is currently unofficially annexed and used as parking for a camper. The fence has been installed to obscure those back yard views. We do not believe that the back fence interferes with anyone's views except our own nor does it detract from the town's general landscape. In the spring, we plan to plant more aspen trees in the front side fence and back yard to add more foliage. We have attached pictures for your consideration. Thank you for your time and consideration to our zoning variance application.

Sincerely, Jessica Schoening & Christy Capet a nw systa remide a file

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Precisting Side yard



Current Front view

