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To: commissioners@cityofnorthport.com

Subject: ULDC 53-240M

Good morning,

I am writing to express a concern I have with the fence regulations set forth in North Port ULDC 53-240M. Specifically, that the fence in residential areas may be no more than six feet high, and that the height of the fence be measured from the ground at the location of the fence.

Due to the grading required for drainage, the location of fences are frequently much lower than the grade of the house. This frequently results in privacy fences that fail to offer privacy. At only 5'7" tall, I am below the average height for American men, but when standing on my lanai I can easily look over the fence in my back yard and see the smiling faces of my neighbors.

This problem is exacerbated by what seems to be the trend in new development for lots to be engineered higher. There is a house currently being built across the street from me, and I would estimate its slab to be a full two feet higher than mine. I have a six foot vinyl fence on that side, and the ground there is nine inches lower than the grade of my house. That fence has until now provided excellent privacy. However, with this house being built so much higher than mine, whoever buys in will have a wonderful view into my back yard.

I would like to suggest that the code be changed so that the height of the fence be measured from the elevation of the house, and not the location of the fence.

Thank you for your consideration,

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