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1. Executive Summary:

 Requesting the City of Portsmouth Planning Board's approval for the replacement of the existing 6-foot wooden boundary fence that separates the properties located at 493 and 481 Dennett Street Portsmouth NH. The proposal is to upgrade to a more durable and taller 8-foot vinyl fence which will benefit both homeowners with increased privacy.

2. Background and Rationale:

• The existing fence as damaged badly in the last storm we had. Both property owners agree that replacing the existing 6ft fence with and 8 ft fence will provide more privacy based on the grade of the road. This project will consist of 8'x8' white vinyl fence material, which will match the existing fence as seen below in photos. We are going to be using Central Fence for installation of the new fencing

3. Project Scope:

• Please review the image from MapGeo of our properties. The yellow line reflects the section of fence that we are going to be replacing.

This is an image of the current fence, as shown in this photo due to the grade of the road there is very little privacy for 481Dennett street as we can see directly into their kitchen window. We feel that replacing the existing 6ft fence with an 8ft fence will also help with things such as toys and ballons going over the fence that could potentially harm the dogs that reside at 481 Dennett Street.

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5. Proposed Solution:



• Seeking the planning board approval to replace existing fence with 8' x 8' white vinal fencing to match the other side of 493 Dennett's fencing as shown in the image below

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Quote from Central Fence:

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6.Timeline:

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• Fence Installation will be scheduled immediately following the Planning Board meeting 7/16/2024 assuming variance is approved.

7. Analysis Criteria:

- 1. Analysis Criteria (from section 10.223 of the **Zoning Ordinance**):
 - 2. 10.233.21 The variance will not be contrary to the public interest.

Proposed replacement of existing fence will not impact the public or serve as a nuisance. Both Parties 493 and 481 Dennett agree of the replacement. Please see yellow line on map above, where existing fence stands.

3. 10.233.22 The spirit of the Ordinance will be observed;

Proposed replacement of the current 6ft fence would provide 481 Dennett additional privacy. The current fence is 6ft high, at this height the owners of 493 Dennett has clear view into the kitchen of 481 Dennett, based on the grade of the road. Also, there has been instances where a toy or ball has made it over the fence which has potential to cause harm to the owner's dogs at 481 Dennett.

4. 10.233.23 Substantial justice will be done;

Both parties, 481 and 493 Dennett will benefit from the replacement. The current fence is 6ft high, at this height the owners of 493 Dennett have clear view into the kitchen of 481 Dennett Street when standing in their back yard based on the grade of the road. Also, there has been instances where a toy or ball has made it over the fence which has potential to cause harm to the owners' dogs at 481 Dennett.

5. 10.233.24 The values of surrounding properties will not be diminished.

Replacement of existing fence will not dimmish the value of either property but will improve curb appeal as it will match the existing fence on 493 Dennett.

6. 10.233.25 Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

With the current height the owners of 493 Dennett have a clear view into the kitchen of 481 Dennett due to the grade of the road. Also, there has been instances where a toy or ball has made it over the fence which has potential to cause harm to the owners' dogs at 481 Dennett.