

Trish Jennings' Fence

After completing the remodel of the home located on the corner of Bridge Road and SR-9, Trish proceeded to construct a fence in her front yard. She said it has done a great job shielding the property from the road noise.

A citizen inquired if the fence was too close to the road. Our Land Use Code specifies the fence should be 30' from the road or under 3' tall. Joyce Hamilton measured the fence and it is just under 6' tall and 15' from SR-9. Due to recent construction activity, she was unable to determine how close the fence is to Hirschi Road. Joyce did not feel the fence created a visual obstruction when entering SR-9 from either Hirschi Road, nor from Bridge Road.

When asked, Trish said she spoke with Vicki in the office and would have never gone to all that trouble had she been told her plans were in violation of the Land Use Code. Vicki does not remember this conversation. Fences do not require any permits, so the issue was never brought to a town meeting.

Officer Matt Hansen was asked to inspect and determine if the fence was obstructing the view of vehicles entering SR-9 from either Hirschi Road, or Bridge Road.

I, Officer Matt Hansen, was asked by the Town of Rockville to look into potential view obstructions on a couple of new fence lines on two separate intersections with Main Street(SR 9). The two fence lines were located on the South West corner of Main and Hirschi Ln and the other is located on the North East corner of Main and Center St. After accessing both roads from Main and attempting to enter Main from each side road it is my opinion that a motorist, if they stop at or before the stop sign on each side road, will have enough visibility to check for pedestrians on the sidewalk of Main. After the motorist is able to confirm the sidewalk is clear the motorist will be able to safely approach Main St slowly checking for oncoming traffic in either direction. Prior to the motorist entering Main St it is also my opinion the fence lines do not obstruct visibility any more than the trees or parked vehicles on the shoulder of Main St.

Any additional questions on the matter feel free to ask.

Officer Matt Hansen
Springdale Police Department

Hirschi Road is a Dead End road, which serves three or four homes.

Trish has not only constructed this fence, but incorporated her irrigation sprinklers to coincide with the new fence.

Each Planning Commission member is encouraged to make a site visit and determine if the fence needs to come into compliance or it is acceptable as it is.