

Village of Cayuga Heights
Zoning Board of Appeals
Application Form

ZBA Application Fee: \$100

Check All That Apply:

Area Variance

Use Variance

Interpretation Request

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Date Received	11/13/14
Cash or Check	676955
Zoning District	RESIDENCE
Applicable Section(s) of Village Code:	SECTION 6: FRONT YARD

Property address: 524 HIGHLAND RD Tax parcel: 12-2-1

Zoning Officer's determination: 8' HIGH FENCE (90% OPEN) LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 10' FRONT FRONT PROPERTY LINE ON HIGHLAND & HANSHAW ROADS < 25' REQUIRED

Requested variance or interpretation: _____

Reason(s) that the requested variance or interpretation should be granted:

- See attached page for the criteria that the ZBA must use.
- Use additional sheets if necessary.

Please see attached

Please attach any additional information that will help the ZBA to evaluate your appeal, such as a narrative, survey map, photos, building plans, etc.

By filing this application, you grant permission for Village of Cayuga Heights ZBA Members and Village Staff to enter your property for inspections related to your appeal.

Owner/Applicant: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

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Dear Mr. Cross:

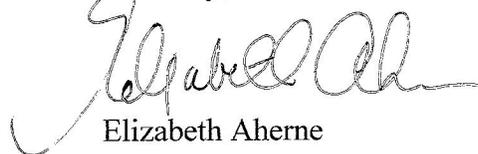
With respect to reasons why the variance should be granted for the fence installed at 524 Highland Road, I respectfully submit the following:

1. Our family is comprised of three boys, the youngest of which is 2 years old. Given the home is bordered by a fast running gorge/creek, I wanted the fence to prohibit any possible access to the gorge/creek, and thus prevent any injury or death by drowning to any of my three boys. Similarly, there is a drainage run-off "creek" on the other side of the property which poses a similar threat to our children.
2. We installed the fence to keep our two dogs confined within the perimeter of the property to avoid creating any nuisance to adjacent property owners.
3. We are seeking to avoid the presence of deer (and thus ticks/lyme disease) on our property to avoid any physical harm to our children or ourselves.

I would note that the fence was installed with aesthetics in mind, and thus there are two lovely wooden gates with attached trellises. Further, the fence is transparent for purposes of maintaining the park-like setting of the Cayuga Heights Village. Lastly, any portion of the fence that exists on the front of the property was purposely weaved behind existing shrubbery for purposes of maintaining the landscape.

Thank you for your time, effort and consideration.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Aherne