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City of Sunnyvale  
Planning Department

Subject: Request for Nine-foot good neighbor fence due to remodel at 1025 Fernleaf Street

As longtime residents of Sunnyvale, we are extremely unhappy with the remodel project going on next door. We were under the impression that our zoning of "RO" was single family only.

We have been neighbors of the people next door for over forty years and are now both trying to help make this situation more tolerable. Both parties agree that raising the fence from six feet to nine feet might help and they have removed two windows in the plans that were facing our house. We are therefore requesting a waiver or permit for the taller fence.

The new addition which includes a couple of windows (kitchen and one other), porch with a light fixture and front door face our home which allows us both to look into each other's houses with the current six-foot fence. This new remodel is very visible from both inside our home and from our backyard deck and patio (see photos). We hope with the help of the fence and additional landscaping we can hide or camouflage some of this.

An impact study was not required for this remodel because it was only a one-story addition. However, since this remodel sits higher because of higher walls, ceiling and roof lines, an Impact Study or plan posting would have prevented a lot of stress and heartache for both parties involved. We strongly recommend the City look into this policy and hopefully make changes in its policy for residents in the future. We understand some cities require the building plans be posted in front of the house so neighbors can review them.

Please contact us if you have any questions, please contact us at 408.732.7082 (home), 408.431.8502 (cell) or at [winkjrl@comcast.net](mailto:winkjrl@comcast.net).

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View of Remodel  
From Backyard



View of Remodel  
Porch Area -  
Front Door & Left  
Which is on the other  
Side of the fence from  
our Sliding Glass Patio  
Door.

