

City of St. Clair Shores

Fence Arbitration Committee Agenda

There will be a meeting of the Fence Arbitration Committee on
September 20, 2023 at 2 p.m.

in the Jefferson Conference Room at City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

1. Call to Order

2. Case(s) to be Heard:

Case #06-2023 34046 Jefferson – Omar Hishmeh

Request to install a 6-ft aluminum privacy fence on left side of yard starting at the middle of driveway to back yard deck. *(Reason for denial: privacy fence on water adjacent property, and fence goes beyond the front of the house.)*

Case #07-2023 22821 Violet – Anthony Centofanti

Request to remove existing chainlink fence and install 6-ft wood privacy fence (good side facing out) on 3 sides, going 10' beyond the front of the house. *(Reason for denial: fence goes beyond the front of the house.)*

Case #08-2023* 21741 Edmunton – Jessica Pedrys

Request to remove existing chain link on side yards only and install 6-ft wood privacy fence along sides and rear property lines. *(Reason for denial: The permit was approved, the inspection was denied because the fence measures 6' 4" in some spots due to unlevel ground.)* **See back for note.**

Case #09-2023 26725 Ursuline – Sam Corrado/Nina Corrado

Request to install 6-ft tall wood privacy fence along the rear lot line only with good side facing in. *(Reason for denial: posts facing neighbor.)*

Case #10-2023 31024 Jefferson – Tony Lanno

Request to install a 24" brick knee wall with pillars on existing footings, along front property line, and along north side property line to the front of the house (10 pillars, 164 lineal feet of knee wall).. *(Reason for denial: privacy fence on water, fence in front of house.)*

Case #11-2023 22430 Alexander – Steve Scavone

Request to install a 6-ft tall privacy fence along 42 feet of property line from back corner of home to corner of detached garage to replace existing 4-ft fence. *(Reason for denial: privacy fence on water.)*

Case #12-2023 23616 Glenbrook – Linda Mahlmeister

Request to remove 110' of existing chain-link fence from the house to the right side property line. Install 80 feet of 6-ft tall privacy fence in its place, from right side of driveway to side property line, and along portion of right side property line. Also, install 26 ft of 4-ft tall black aluminum fence with double gate, from right side of house across the driveway. Both new fences are beyond the face of the house, but behind the mailbox. *(Reason for denial: fence goes beyond front of house.)*

Case #13-2023 32050 Harper – Viviano's Flower Shop

Request to remove existing fence on right side in front of building and replace with a 6-ft shadowbox wood fence that immediately reduces down to 4 feet. *(Reason for denial: fence goes beyond front of building.)*

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3. **Any other business that may properly come before the Committee.**
4. **Approval of minutes from June 21, 2023.**
5. **Audience participation.**
6. **Adjournment**

Individuals with disabilities or impairments who plan to attend this meeting need to contact the City Clerk's office at (586) 447-3303 or via Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 (771 from TTY) if auxiliary aides or services are needed. Ten (10) business days advance notice is required.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting,
please call Julie Kandt in the Community Development & Inspection Department at 586-447-3339.

Community Development
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****Please note, case #08-2023 may serve as precedent for seemingly increasing scenarios where the finish height of the privacy fence is more than 6 feet because of varying grades of land, &/or because we've always historically told residents to "raise the fence a bit to leave room at the bottom for weed whipping." With this case, ideally this board will recommend a reasonable maximum height above 6-ft that can be approved at inspection without having to come to Fence Arbitration, following an ordinance amendment. Please also note that Tom McKinney, from Tom's Fence, said that standard industry practices allow fences to come up as high as 6' 5" to allow room at the bottom for weed control.***