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Hello,

This is a public comment for an item that is not included in today's agenda for the 3/8/2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.

I would like to amend the San Mateo zoning ordinances to allow a regular 6-foot high fence on a corner lot, outside of 50 feet from the intersection. In other words, I propose to reword section 6412 to allow a 6-foot high fence for the backyard portion of a property situated on a corner lot, while still maintaining the 50-foot visibility requirement for the intersection.

This is primarily for safety reasons. The current regulation means that the backyard fence of a corner lot can only be 4-feet high, and this poses a security risk. Large dogs can easily jump a 4-foot fence. Furthermore, we cannot leave children unattended in the backyard since it is very easy for a normal 6-foot male adult to simply reach into the backyard and pick up a child over a 4-foot fence from the street.

A proposal for modifications to Section 6412 are enclosed below, with the modification underlined.

Thank you,

Charles Thibault

SECTION 6412. Fences, walls and hedges shall be subject to the following regulations, except as provided in Section 6412.1:

(a) Fences, walls, and hedges not exceeding four (4) feet in height may occupy any front yard area.

(b) Fences, walls, and hedges not exceeding six (6) feet in height may occupy any side or rear yard area, provided:

1. That they do not extend into any required front yard.
- 2.

That, in the case of a corner lot, they do not extend into the side yard required along a side street **within fifty (50) feet of the intersected street lines.**

3.

That, in the case of a corner lot, they do not extend into that portion of the rear yard abutting such side street which is equal to the width of the side yard required on said side street.