



MEMORANDUM

TO: Robin A. Working, ZBA Recording Secretary
From: David R. Beschke, City of Novi Landscape Architect
Subject: Decorative Fencing
Date: June 11, 2008

This memo is in response to your request for clarification on the definition for "decorative fence" as considered at the most recent Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. Neither the Ordinance nor the Landscape Design Manual strictly defines the term. In general, a decorative fence would be considered a fencing system that matches or compliments the architecture or setting. It may be that the fence is purely installed for aesthetic reasons, not for a function such as security or for animal control. Common materials are often wrought iron, weather tolerant plastics or a variety of woods. Often the fencing is either naturally colored, sealed, stained or color saturated. Fencing materials such as standard chain link, wire farm fencing or chicken wire are typically intended to be strictly functional. These fences would not be considered decorative fencing.

In regards to the Skelcy residence at 301 Duana, it is my professional opinion that the white, somewhat stylishly ornate fencing qualifies as decorative. In conjunction with the proposed landscaping, it is my opinion that the fencing qualifies as legal and appropriate under current ordinances.





- A - FIZIZ SHRAG tree
- B - White Rose of Sharon
- C - VARIATED WERZLA
- D - BIRD Bath
- E - LILIES of the VALLEY
- F - RHODODENDRON
- G - Blue Hostas
- H - Rock
- I - ANNUALS
- J - Blue Rose of Sharon
- K - Ceusa's BEO IRIS
- L - LINEN Tree
- M - VARIATED BoxWOOD
- N - Poppies
- O - Coreopsis
- P - DAWN RedWOOD
- Q - DayLilies
- R - Hydrangea
- S - Dwarf KIM Lilac
- T - Ornamental GRASS
- U - Stepping Stone
- V - Roses
- W - Cottonwoon Tree
- X - Boxwoong ~~top~~
- Y - Burning BUSHES
- Z - Arborvites

