

## **DEBBIE STEELE**

308 N. Waddill St  
McKinney, TX 75069

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Jennifer Arnold  
City of McKinney  
Director of Planning

### **Dear Jennifer:**

I hope you are well. Paula Nasta, Planning Manager, Downtown Development and Historic Preservation provided let me know that I need to submit a letter to you regarding Fence COA appeal that needs to go to the HPAB. By way of introduction, I have been a resident of McKinney for well over 20 years, and I love calling McKinney home.

The reason for this letter is that I would like to appeal the decision respectfully and formally regarding the approval for the COA for my front fence at 308 N. Waddill St. McKinney, TX 75069.

For context, I have included pictures of several historical houses located near my house that feature similar-looking stone fences. The stone between the column is only 1 ½ ft. tall and will be covered by the shrubbery planted within in a year. Honestly, I thought the look based on others I saw in the neighborhood was a much more historical look than the wood would have been.

In addition, there are many fences who are not showing 50% on a side fence. Normally I would have opened that right side, but there is a lot of overgrowth on that side and my neighbor stores their trash cans in plain view, that takes away from the beauty. I've included pictures of other houses in the historic district that have full fences that are much closer to the road than mine. In addition, I've included picture of my own house and how beautiful the landscape is as well as picture of what I would be looking at with it being the back of my neighbor's house. It's not a tall fence, less than 4', but it allows me not look at the neighbor's trash cans.

I love downtown McKinney and my goal has always been to add beauty to the eclectic beauty of our downtown area

On a personal note, I am trying to recover from cancer and I'm currently in the middle of my radiation treatments at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. I feel at peace in my new house, and I have received extremely positive feedback from neighbors and passersby on the appearance of the house. In addition, although I am doing my best to

work in good faith (and have done so in making requested changes), honestly my current condition makes things difficult.

If you would, could you please share the process, timeline, deadlines and next steps I should take? Please let me know if you need any additional information from me. Many thanks.

Sincerely,



**Debra L. Steele**

Lastly, a few pictures of my house that I'm very proud of the way the fence looks.



Historic McKinney homes with stone fence similar to mine.



Homes in McKinney historic district with solid fences almost to the road.



I have all the addresses if needed.

Below are pictures of my view from my yard to my neighbors without a little bit of an extra privacy fence.

