

The variance request for the gate onto Winston Drive from Varsity House apartment complex needs to be denied.

By allowing the gate to remain open, management of the complex is inviting possible crime to their residents. A thief could easily enter their lot and have a hey day. During homecoming or other major football games, we get many cars parked along the streets and many people trespassing through private property to get to the stadium. Those people could easily park in the complex, unnoticed and cause damage to residents' vehicles or property damage. Does Varsity House want this kind of trespassing? Will they pay for damages to cars or property? Are they considering the consequences? It only takes one incident for word to get out that those apartments are now unsafe. How can this be prevented? **DO NOT ALLOW THE VARIANCE.**

As the owner of the adjoining property to the gate, I feel very strongly about safety for our neighborhood children who love to be outside riding bikes and scooters.. I have a son who uses a wheelchair. My son loves to take walks with my husband nearly every day during pleasant weather, sometimes they take multiple walks. My son is desiring more independence and often will not let his dad push him but instead wants to wheel himself during the walk while dad walks nearby. It is a slow and long process. Other children may be able to quickly dodge out of the way of a car when the driver fails to stop when coming out of the Winston gate. MY CHILD CANNOT move that quickly. My husband may not be able to steer our child quickly enough. It takes only one incident for a child, MY child to be injured or worse, killed. Has Varsity House considered these consequences? Are they thinking

of their neighbors' safety? How can this be prevented? DO NOT ALLOW THE VARIANCE.

Finally, this gate was opened in August, well before their application for a variance. Our neighborhood association has confronted the property manager in a peaceful manner. Our neighborhood association has gone through proper channels and made proper requests to ask that the gate be closed, as the open gate has violated the current zoning ordinances since August. So since August the gate has been ILLEGALLY open. Will you, board, REWARD illegal behavior? Will you send the message that it's ok to violate ordinances and codes before requesting permission and going through proper channels. As a teacher, I teach my students that actions have consequences. That inappropriate behavior should be reprimanded, and that proper behavior should be rewarded. How should you reward proper behavior

and reprimand inappropriate and illegal behavior?

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