

To Whom It May Concern:

January of 2017 I purchased a 12 x 28 prefabricated storage building. It was delivered and set up by the company that I purchased it from. Unfortunately the left back corner of the storage building is within ten feet of the property line. I was not aware of set back requirements or that a building permit was needed for a prefabricated storage building.

The purpose of the structure is to store my antique 1970 Mach 1 Mustang. This was my first car that I bought on my own when I was sixteen years old. Ironically my son was sixteen years old at the time that I was able to purchase this car back from the previous owner. Together we restored and brought this car back to its original condition. This was especially meaningful to me as I had undergone triple bypass surgery at the age of thirty nine a year before purchasing the car. I needed this building to store the car in and it will be handed down to my son at the time of my death.

I do have a preexisting garage that is used to store tools, lawn equipment, antique motorcycles that I have restored, one of the motorcycles was mine when I was a kid and will be handed down to my son when I pass away. And because we downsized from our previous home there is an overflow of items stored in the garage as well. There is not enough room for the car nor would I want to store it there for chance of it being damaged.

The storage building is located on an old road bed that was used during construction of my home when it was built in 1987. I did not have to have any excavation done in order to have this storage building set up. Thus there have not been any changes on the surrounding area or environment. This is the only location on my steep property that would not have caused great changes to the surrounding area or environment. These changes would have resulted in removal of trees that provide privacy between me and my neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Richter and removal of large amounts of soil that would have resulted in soil erosion issues.

The reason for the variance is to allow me to meet the building permit requirements of a prefabricated storage building. The storage building has been in place since January 2017, I did discuss with Mr. Richter my plans on placing the building in the current location prior to purchasing it. He did not convey to me any concerns or objections at that time; I had a discussion with Mr. Richter on October 27 2017 at which time was the first I had heard of any of his concerns. He stated to me that he was concerned primarily about my not having obtained a building permit.

Because of the steep slope of my property there is no other location available without extensive excavation and financial burden to me as I am not able to work due to a failed back surgery in 2016, If I am required to meet the property set back requirements it would involve excavation that would require total removal of building, retaining wall and asphalt in order to grade the location. Then I would have to have the building moved back into place, rebuild the retaining wall and have asphalt put down. During this process I would not have anywhere to store my antique Mustang. This would be a great financial and emotional burden to me as I am not physically able to do the work myself.