

## **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

City of Rockwall Planning and Zoning Department 385 S. Goliad Street Rockwall, Texas 75087

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PLANNING & ZONING CASE NO.	MIS 2021-

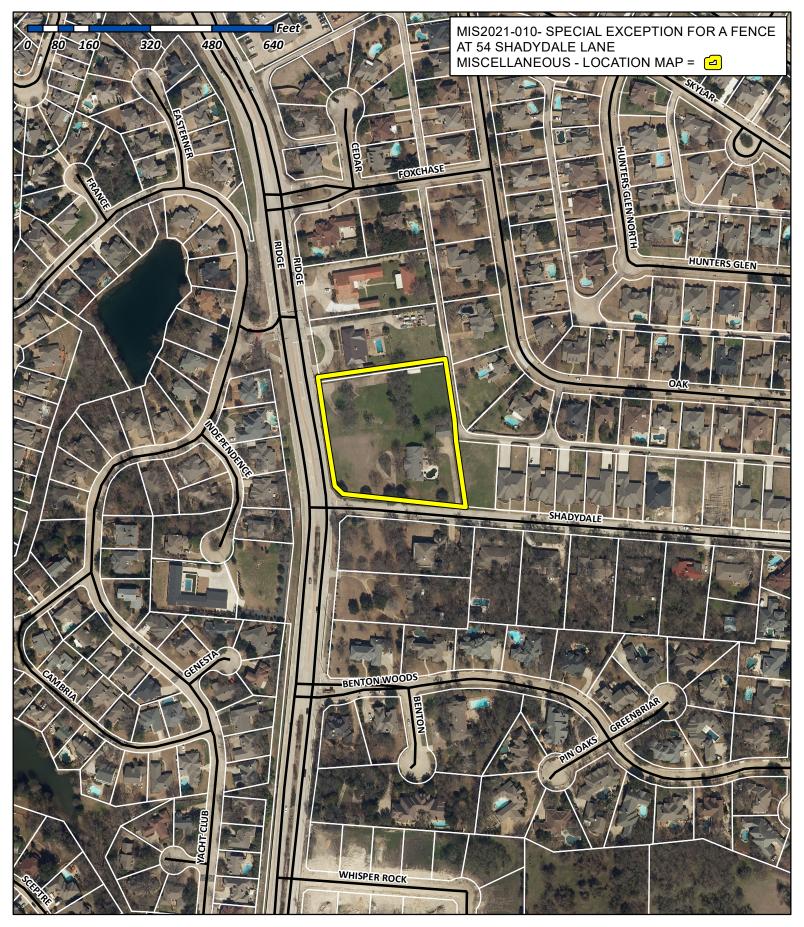
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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING:

CITY ENGINEER:

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX BELOW TO INDICATE THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT RE	EQUEST [SELECT ONLY ONE BOX]:
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PLATTING APPLICATION FEES:  ☐ MASTER PLAT (\$100.00 + \$15.00 ACRE) ¹  ☐ PRELIMINARY PLAT (\$200.00 + \$15.00 ACRE) ¹  ☐ FINAL PLAT (\$300.00 + \$20.00 ACRE) ¹  ☐ REPLAT (\$300.00 + \$20.00 ACRE) ¹  ☐ AMENDING OR MINOR PLAT (\$150.00)  ☐ PLAT REINSTATEMENT REQUEST (\$100.00)			ZONING APPLICATION FEES:  ☐ ZONING CHANGE (\$200.00 + \$15.00 ACRE) ¹ ☐ SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (\$200.00 + \$15.00 ACRE) ¹ ☐ PD DEVELOPMENT PLANS (\$200.00 + \$15.00 ACRE) ¹ OTHER APPLICATION FEES: ☐ TREE REMOVAL (\$75.00)  ▼ VARIANCE REQUEST (\$100.00)			
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PROPERTY INFOR	RMATION [PLEASE PRINT]					
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SUBDIVISION	Best Estate			LOT BLOO	Ж	
GENERAL LOCATION	2.6 acres	located at the corn	er of Shady Dale an	d Ridge Road		
ZONING, SITE PLA	AN AND PLATTING INFO	ORMATION (PLEASE F	PRINT1			
CURRENT ZONING	James Best		CURRENT USE	Same		
PROPOSED ZONING	Fence variance		PROPOSED USE	Same		
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OWNER	James Best		APPLICANT	Andrew D. Thomas		
CONTACT PERSON	Andrew D. Thomas	Co	ONTACT PERSON	Andrew D. Thomas		
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PHONE			PHONE	(469) 965-4500		
E-MAIL			E-MAIL	andrew@law-adt.com		
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# City of Rockwall

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TO:

City of Rockwall Planning & Zoning Department

FROM:

James Best c/o Andrew D. Thomas

RE:

Variance Request: Fencing at 54 Shady Dale, Rockwall, Texas 75087

DATE:

August 18, 2021

#### Variance Request

The homeowners, James and Kimberly Best, request the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z Board) grant a variance to City of Rockwall Unified Development Code § 08.08.03(D) allowing the homeowners to:

- Continue an 8-foot cedar fence<sup>1</sup> approximately 90 feet past the front building façade on the north side of the property;
- Construct a 6-foot aluminum wrought iron styled fence from the end of the 8-foot cedar fence to the front set-back line of the property, across the front of the property to the Shady Dale set back line, down Shady Dale to a column on the west side of the driveway;
- Construct two 7-foot cast stone and stucco columns on either side of the driveway with a 6-foot-tall automatic steel gate between the columns;
- Construct a 6-foot aluminum wrought iron styled fence from the east driveway column to the front building façade; and
- Construct an 8-foot cedar fence from the front building façade along Shady Dale to the existing 8-foot cast-concrete fence.

A plat of the property identifying the requested variances is attached as **Exhibit A** and the requests are discussed in more detail below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On April 22, 2021, the City of Rockwall issued permit RES2021-1285 approving the construction of an 8-foot cedar fence from the Northeast corner of the property to the front corner of the house. *See* Exhibit B.

#### **Brief Statement**

The homeowners are senior citizens that travel 12-15 weeks a year. Due to their age and travel schedule, they desire a fully fenced and gated property to protect them and their property when they are away, and to secure the swimming pool being constructed on the property.

The property is a 2.6-acre tract located at the intersection of Ridge Road and Shady Dale Lane. The property is zoned single family 16 and subject to the General Residential District Standards and Residential District Development Standards. *See* §§ 05.03.06, 05.03.01, and 05.07.01. The property setbacks are: (1) 25-feet along Ridge and Shady Dale Roads, (2) 10-feet in the rear, and (3) 8-feet to the north. *See* § 05.07.01.

#### **Building Code Requirements**

The applicable fencing requirements are:

<u>.08.08.03(D)(1)(a)</u> – <u>Side Yard Fences</u>. Side yard fences shall not extend beyond the front façade of a single-family structure. In cases where a structure has a front porch or other encroachment, the fence shall not extend beyond where the front porch or encroachment meets the front façade of the single-family structure (as depicted in Figure 18).

.08.08.03(D)(1)(d) – Corner Lots. Corner lots shall be permitted to construct a fence along the side yard property line adjacent to a street (as depicted in Figure 14); however, in cases where a house is facing in the same direction as the side yard of a corner lot, the side yard fence adjacent to the street shall not extend beyond the front yard building setback (as depicted in Figure 16).

<u>08.08.03(D)(2)</u> – Fences in the Front Yard. No fence shall be constructed in the front yard of a residential property without being granted an exception from the Planning and Zoning Commission unless specifically permitted by Subsection 08.03(D)(3). For the purposes of this provision the front yard is defined as the area between the front façade of the primary structure and the front property line (as depicted in Figure 14). The Planning and Zoning Commission may authorize the issuance of an exception for the construction of a front yard fence subject to the following provisions:

- (a) <u>Wood Fences</u>. Wood fences that are 50% transparent (e.g. as depicted in Figure 14) shall not exceed 42-inches in height.
- (b) <u>Wrought Iron or Decorative Metal Fences</u>. Wrought iron or decorative metal fences that are 50% transparent (e.g. as depicted in Figure 14) shall not exceed 48-inches in height.

(c) <u>Opaque Fences</u>. Opaque fences are prohibited in the front yard of residential properties.

In considering a front yard fence, the Planning and Zoning Commission may require applicants to provide additional information, plans, drawings, and/or other information concerning the proposed front yard fence. In addition, the Planning and Zoning Commission may establish additional conditions of construction for any fence.

#### Discussion

#### 1. 8-foot cedar fence - north side.

The homeowners have been approved for an 8-foot cedar fence from the northeast corner to the front building façade of the home being constructed. **See Exhibit B**. The property to the north has a chain link fence running from its southwestern corner west to a point perpendicular to its front building façade. Because the neighboring property is constructed closer to Ridge Road, the chain link fence continues for approximately 90 feet in front of the subject property's front building façade and the neighbor's utility shed sits adjacent to the chain link fence and in front of the front building façade of the subject property. **See Exhibit C**.









The homeowners want to extend the 8-foot cedar fence from their front building façade approximately ninety feet to the end of the chain link fence. Pictures demonstrating the style of the proposed 8-foot cedar fence are attached as **Exhibit D**. Extending the cedar fence along the chain link fence will not impede the visibility of drivers along Ridge Road or neighboring property owners because the neighboring property is already heavily landscaped with trees and hedges along the fence line preventing visibility through chain link fence. Extending the fence will only affect the subject property and the neighboring property to the north providing additional privacy to both homeowners.

#### 2. 6-foot aluminum wrought iron styled-fence.

The homeowners want to construct a 6-foot aluminum wrought iron styled fence from the end of the proposed 8-foot cedar fence to the front set back line, across the property to the Shady Dale set back line, and then to a point along Shady Dale perpendicular to the front building façade. *See* Exhibit C. Because of the homeowners' age and travel schedule, they desire a fully fenced and gated property for their protection and security. Having an entirely fenced and gated property would also provide additional security for the lap pool being constructed on the property. *See* Rockwall Code of Ordinances § 10-425.

A picture demonstrating the style of the proposed 6-foot aluminum wrought iron styled fence is attached as **Exhibit E** and a schematic identifying the dimensions of the proposed fence is attached as **Exhibit F**. The fence will be constructed using 6-foot spires and have a 2-inch gap underneath the bottom of the fence for drainage.

Construction of a 6-foot aluminum wrought iron styled fence on the front and side of the property is consistent with several fences on nearby properties along Ridge Road. The property directly to

the north has a 6-foot wrought iron fence separating it from the subject property and 4-foot fences that appear to be within the setback line.

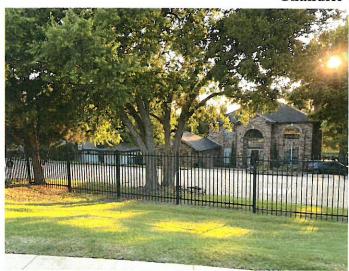






Across the street, Chandler's Landing has a 6-foot wrought iron fence facing ridge road.

Chandler's Landing





Across the street and to the north of the subject property, several properties have solid, 8-foot wooden fences (at the back of the properties) that face Ridge Road.





2705 Cedar Court



2701 Cedar Court



Due to the heavy traffic on Ridge Road and the speed to which it travels, front yard fences are very common in and around the subject property.

3187 S. Ridge Road



1 Shadydale Lane



3201 Ridge Road



#### 3. 7-foot cast stone and stucco columns with 6-foot steel automatic gate.

The homeowners want to build two 7-foot stone and stucco columns on either side of the driveway to support and house a 6-foot steel automatic gate. A diagram of the proposed columns and gate is attached as **Exhibit G**. The columns would be constructed to match the architecture of the house. The automatic steel gate would provide safety and security to the homeowners.

The proposed columns are consistent in size and material to columns located on nearby properties. With regard to the steel gate, the neighboring property to the north has a wrought iron automatic gate, and across the street Chandler's Landing has two 6-foot automatic gates.

#### **Benton Woods**





Chandler's Landing

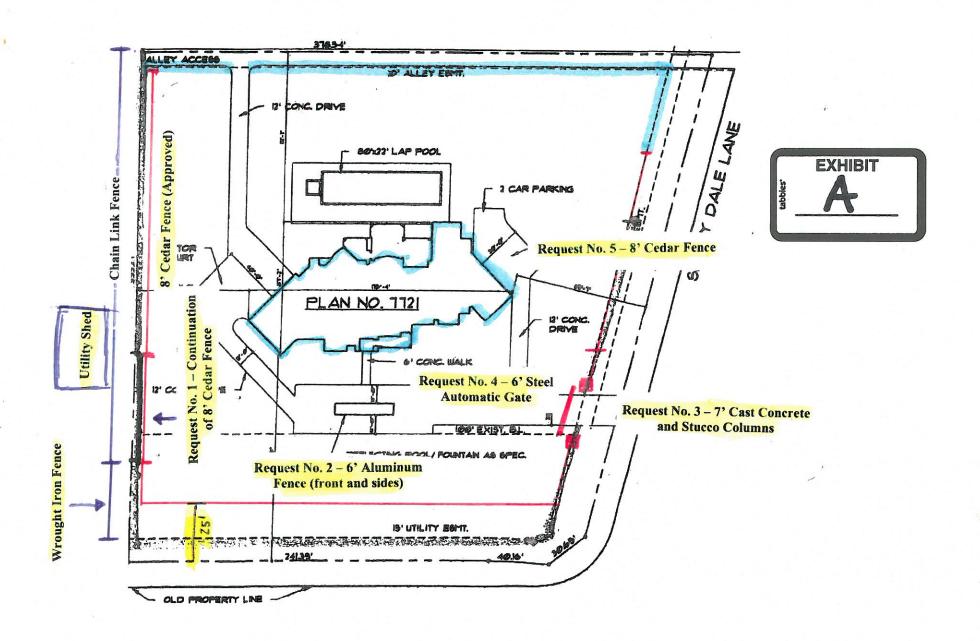


3187 S. Ridge Road



### 4. 8-foot cedar fence along Shady Dale

The homeowners intend to connect the end of the 6-foot aluminum wrought iron styled-fence along Shady Dale to the existing cast concrete fence with an 8-foot cedar fence identical in style to the 8-foot cedar fence along the northern side of the property.





PERMIT RES2021-1285

## CITY OF ROCKWALL

#### **BUILDING PERMIT**

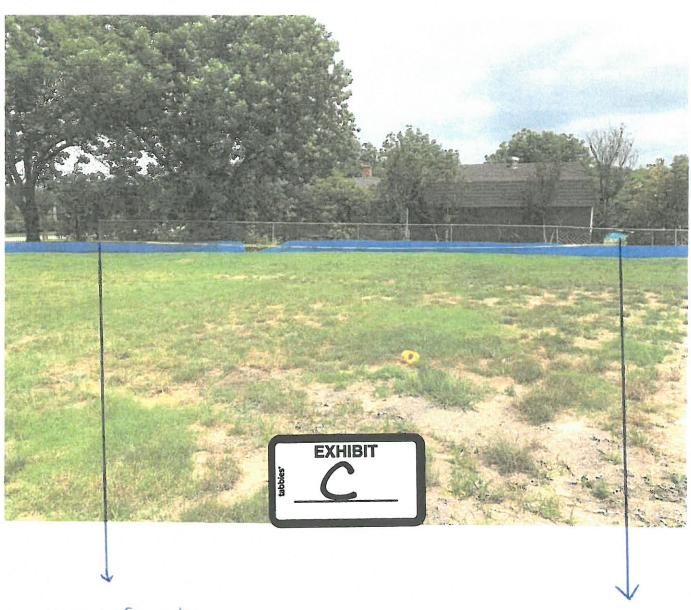
BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPT. 385 S. GOLIAD

ROCKWALL, TX 75087 Phone (972) 771-7709

Schedule Inspections: .

http://www.rockwall.com/buildinginspections/lespectionReq.asp

CONSTRUCTION ADDRESS			TYPE/SUBTYPE				
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PERMIT DESC	RIPTION: Install a 8 ft. ta	all fence made of cedar board	ds and iron frame and	l posts as pictured.			
CITY REMARKS							
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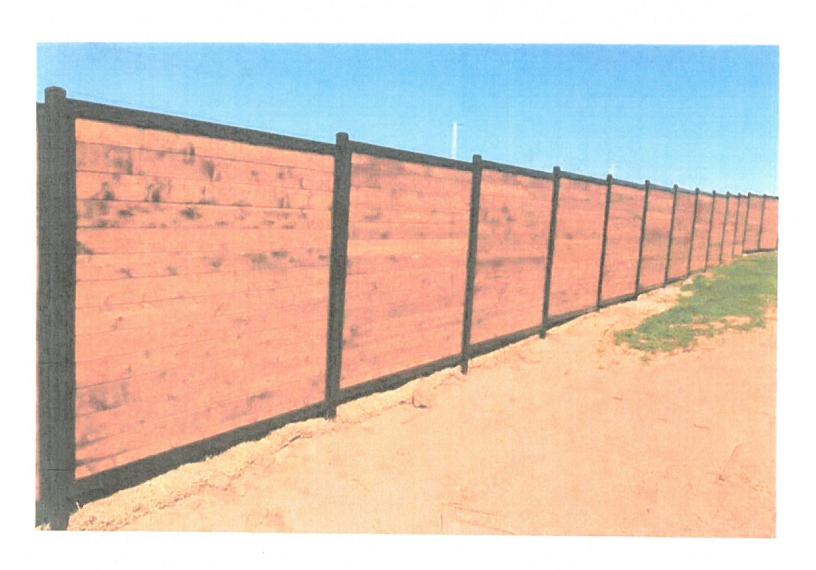


Proposed new cedar fence to cover chain link fence on neighboring property

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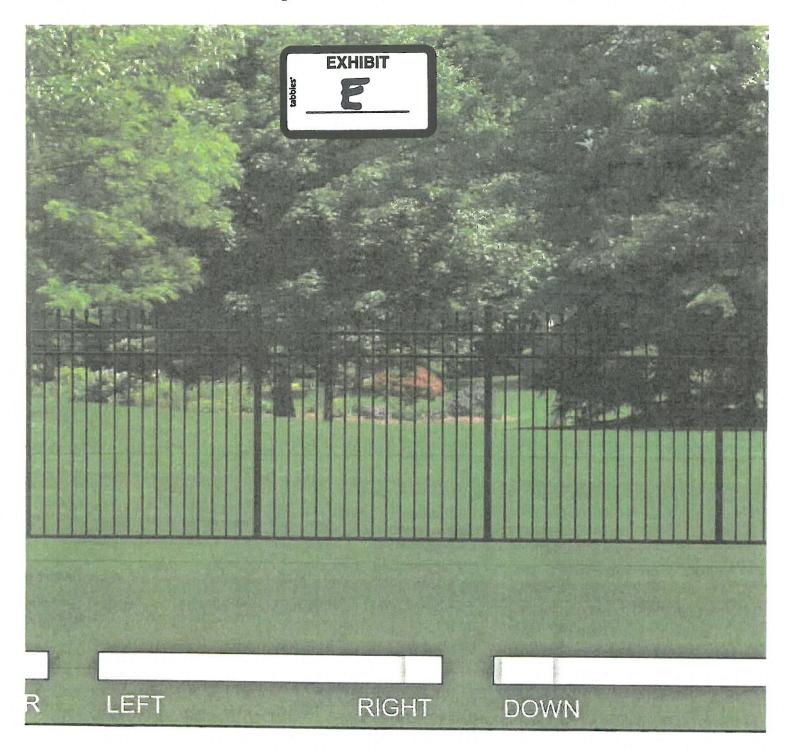


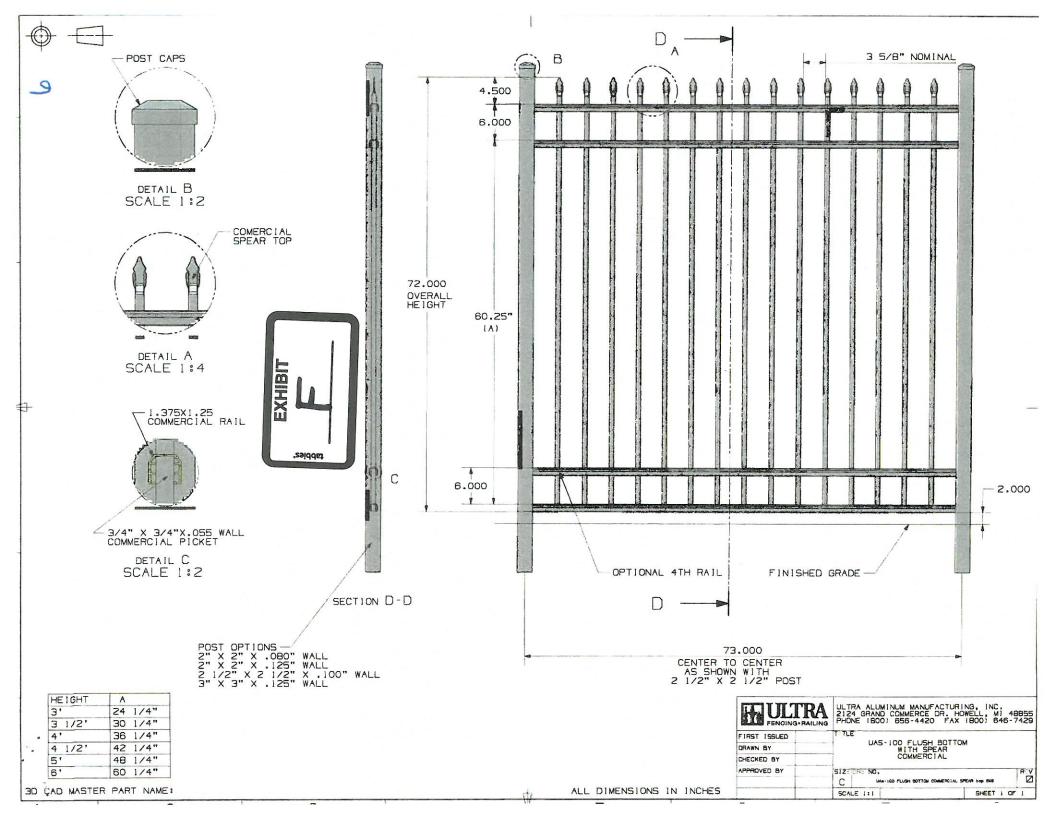


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**Options** 

Accessories







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