

**From:** [Mary Quick](#)  
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**Subject:** 21ENT-0074 (FENCE WLL HEDGE MODIFICATION) 710 Marguerita Ave.  
**Date:** Friday, May 28, 2021 9:37:12 AM

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Concerning the 710 Marguerita request for a 6' wall *the length of Marguerita Ave.* should be denied absolutely. Entirely walling a property is out of character with the neighborhood; we do not want our streets lined with high walls. More important, a high block wall encircling the lot on three sides would no doubt lead to increased need for air-conditioning in the house which is entirely counter to the need to reduce energy use. As to the hedge height, there is no reason to approve additional height.

**From:** Noma Boardmember <nomaboard@gmail.com>  
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Zoning Administrator:

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION. 21ENT-0074 710 Marguerita Ave. The applicant requests approval of a height modification to allow a variance to have a combination of hedges and fences within the front setback area along the north south, and west side front-set back. This is a remodeled w home where the change of orientation and positioning on the property makes the front set back the “back yard”. The subject property is located in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050(A)(1)(a), fences, walls, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front setback.

Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050, fences, walls, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches (3’-6”) within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front yard setback.

The Ordinance refers to each individual residence it does not refer to cumulative variances along our streets. An individual variance for hedge height is simply an application for a particular residence that if using the basis for how many homes have been grandfathered or have been granted a hedge variance is not what the ordinance was adopted for.

Perhaps the City should inform new owners that they must follow the rules regarding hedges. NOMA opposes the granting of this variance.r

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