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Mr. Ryan Harriman  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND  
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RE: VAR22-001, 9027 SE 60<sup>th</sup> Street

Dear Mr. Harriman:

I live next door to Josh Thurman and Barbara Bro's project at 9027 SE 60<sup>th</sup> Street. I understand that they are seeking a variance for a front-yard, set-back. The need for the variance arises from an unfortunate set of circumstances with respect to a survey.

Although I am an attorney, I will refrain from reaching the legal issues at hand. Instead, I want to encourage the City of Mercer Island to exercise whatever discretion it might have and grant the variance.

I have lived and breathed this project for some two and a half years. Throughout, Josh and Barbara have been wonderful neighbors. Friendly, diligent, responsive, industrious and generous are adjectives that come to mind. And they are engaged in something very productive: risking their time and money to build a beautiful new home. We need more people like them.

Again, I encourage the City of Mercer Island to exercise its discretion and grant the variance. As the neighbor most affected by this variance, I will gladly accept the *de minimis* consequences that come with it.

Regards -

  
Robert C. Farrell