

Mr. Gregory Jackson

Village Manager

Village of Long Grove

Date: 1/10/22

Subject: Pool Fence Variance Request at 3874 Woods End Rd

Hi Greg,

As we discussed over the phone on Friday, my wife and I have read the 2015 International Pool and Spa code that is referenced on the Village of Long Grove website and have not found the regulation that requires a fence around a pool if there is an auto cover installed nor have we found a state of Illinois or Lake County regulation that would require a fence in this scenario. We understand through our contractor that the Mundelein agent has referenced a different code that we are not familiar with and is not referenced with regard to building a pool on the Long Grove website. If we are indeed in need of a fence as it relates to this other code, we would very much appreciate if the Village of Long Grove Board would consider a variance in order to allow us to install a pool without a pool fence on our property at 3874 Woods End Rd in Long Grove. And we are asking that the Village Board consider this request at the next Village Board meeting.

As noted in our plans, we are installing an automatic pool cover for our new construction pool and will also have an additional winter cover installed during the off season so there will be no risk of anyone falling in when it is not in use. We believe this will be a very safe option for our pool since it will be covered when we are not using it and would require the use of a key to open the pool cover. We also live in a very secluded area within Long Grove, which is at the end of a single lane private road where there are only five other houses on the road so we do not get much car traffic let alone foot traffic. Our neighbor who backs up to us also has a very large piece of property and has an existing fence that borders the back of our property which currently prevents deer and other wildlife from coming on to our property so there is very limited access to our property as it stands. We have also reached out to each of our Woods End neighbors via e-mail regarding our plan to hopefully build a pool without a fence surrounding it and we have now received written responses from each of those neighbors confirming that they have no issues with our plan and are supportive of us moving forward without a fence around the pool. We also understand that several homes in Long Grove have been approved without a pool fence in recent years including at least one that was completed in 2021 when we initially put forth our plans to the Village for approval. We have been working on our pool plans for more than a year and were under the impression from our pool contractor, Sunset Pools, (based on one of their own jobs they were completing), that it would not be an issue to install a pool without a pool fence assuming we had an auto cover. In fact, each of the four contractors we interviewed told us that it wouldn't be a problem to get a pool approved without a pool fence in Long Grove based on their success with other properties they had developed in Long Grove. If we were required to now install a pool fence around our property,

it would completely change the natural look and openness of our back yard, which is why we love living in Long Grove. We do not see any houses from our backyard view, only trees. We have already spent a significant amount of money planning for this project and hope that you will please consider providing us this variance so we can proceed without additional delay.

We appreciate the improvements that Long Grove has made over the past few years and very much enjoy seeing our downtown area come back to life. Keep up the good work. Thank you for your time and consideration and we hope to be able to come to a resolution on this.

Please add our request for a variance to the next Village Board meeting agenda and let us know if you need any other information or materials that we can provide.

Sincerely,

Mark and Lisa Staub

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