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Dear Zoning Board Team

1. Over 15 years ago, Ms. Kim was concerned because I cut a portion of a branch located in my property that conflicted with a swing structure we were building for my kids. With my kids ranging from the ages of 2 to 11, this branch was a safety hazard in my backyard. The branch started at a tree at the property line on Ms. Kim side. I explained to Ms. Kim that I can cut the portion of the branch as long as it is on my side of the property. I suggested to her to call the City to confirm my understanding. She elected to call an attorney. The Attorney letter lined up with my understanding.

A few months ago, a branch from the same tree fell on the swing structure and to avoid any claim that I cut the branch, I waited until she was in the yard and told her about the branch and got her approval to remove the broken branch, just to avoid conflict.

We've never cut anything in Ms. Kim yard and I challenge her to prove otherwise. I'm unsure why I would go in somebody else's property and start cutting trees and trunks.

2. More than 10 years ago, Ms. Kim put a huge broken wooden box at the fence line and use it as a compost box, including food waste. She also stored other containers, sticks and miscellaneous items against the fence line. Although it was not visibly pleasant we decided not to say anything about it. Not soon after, the compost caught on fire. We had to call the fire department, while Ms. Kim had no idea this was even happening in her backyard.

Five years ago, we had a graduation party for my daughter in our backyard. We really did not want our guests to see this eye sore (compost area) and elected to cover that area of the fence with green tarp that will camouflage with surrounding vegetation. We covered only the fence area where her compost box, not the entire 100 feet of boundary that we share. Please see a portion of the wooden box in the picture Ms. Kim attached to her letter.

Ms. Kim is apparently concerned about everything including the original setback of our house when we moved in, our permitted second floor addition and our play structure.

I attached a picture to show the vegetation between the two lots. As you can see, we have complete vegetation coverage. We, however, offered Ms. Kim to put trees at our cost to just make her happy but she did not respond. I've also attached a picture from our second floor towards Ms. Kim house. We have no visibility into her yard/house due to the dense trees and vegetation.

We always attempted to deescalate and avoid conflict with Ms. Kim, but unfortunately, as you can see, this is a goal that is very difficult to achieve.



