

630 Pauline Blvd
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

September 24, 2023

Attention ZBA:

We are writing in response to the notice of the public hearing regarding ZBA23-0021; 700 Pauline Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

We have lived across 5th Street from this home for twenty years. In short, we have no objections to the variances requested by Don and Paula Thomas.

The northside of the dwelling in question buttresses up to a cinder block retaining wall, and the neighbor to the north sits on a hill that begins above the roofpoint of the unattached garage/auxiliary dwelling. There are no windows on the north side of the dwelling, and in our opinion, the structure does not impose upon the northside neighbor.

The subtle attached deck that faces east toward our home adds curb appeal to the overall dwelling. There is a lovely flower garden surrounding the deck. There is also a large tree on the easement directly in front of the deck that obscures its view from the street. Again, as neighbors, we are in agreement with the requested variance for the deck.

Finally, the side of the structure bordering the yard to the west buttresses against yet another cinder block retaining wall - albeit much lower than the wall to the north. There is also a wooden privacy fence dividing the two properties. The entire west side of the unattached garage/auxiliary dwelling is utilized for storage. The storage space is approximately six-feet wide, has no windows, and does not have direct access to the remaining portion of the building; therefore, the neighboring house to the west should not be disturbed by sounds within the dwelling.

We have lived comfortably across the street from this structure for many years. We welcome renters in our neighborhood, and we do not foresee future complications by allowing for the variances as requested.

Thank you.

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