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To the Zoning Board of Appeals:

As property warden of Grace Episcopal Church, I am writing to request a variance for a fence around our rectory garage and garden.

We would like to install a 6-foot privacy fence to match the red oak fence currently in place around our Memorial Garden and Columbarium. The fence would be installed on the north end of our property between Bradley Chapel and the rectory garage and again from the garage to Jefferson Street, making a right angle in front of the rectory garden along Jefferson to the rectory driveway.

The reason we are requesting a 6-foot fence is twofold.

Number one is safety. We have a history of theft and incidents of trespassing on church property, with people sometimes becoming violent when we ask to leave. The police have been called at least 5 times in 2025 because of one particular individual. The police were also called twice about another individual who was acting erratically in our church garden. We want to prevent entry to the church grounds though the sides where we currently have a four-foot fence.

The rectory also borders the parking lot of St. Ann's Catholic Church. The rectory fence is the only boundary between the private residence of our clergy, and a high traffic public area. The requested fence would help provide a measure of privacy for our priest and his family in their home.

We ask that you consider these reasons to grant us a variance to install a 6-foot privacy fence to replace the dilapidated four-foot fence that is currently in the space.

Sincerely,

Liz Weber
Property Warden

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