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Matt & Chris,

We see that you have added a large electrical cabinet next to the gas meter. We do not think we can adequately screen this large box from view using bushes and have started looking into putting up a fence on the property line to help hide it from our view and from the street. We assume that you do not have any objections to us adding a fence near the property line to screen your equipment. In order to avoid problems with our large tree, it will need to be very close to the property line.

When investigating, we noticed that one end of the cabinet comes about 30 inches from the property line. We don't think this is consistent with electrical code, as any reference we can find indicates a minimum of 36 inches is required in front of the cabinet. (See references below, for example.) In addition, we are unsure whether an electrical cabinet can be that close to a gas meter.

Can you have your electrical contractor look into this further? If we don't hear from you within a week, we'll let DC know that there might be a problem that precludes us from putting up a fence near the property line to help screen this large electrical cabinet.

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Separately, we still await word on what you are doing in the back of the house near the property line (and our patio area). We are assuming it is for air conditioning units and/or emergency power generators. We look forward to hearing your plans for noise abatement issues, as it is unclear to us how this equipment will be within the legal limits for noise, given their proximity to the property line.

Best,

Kathy & Larry

References:

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