

I attest that the information submitted is accurate to the best of my knowledge. With regard to Subtitle C § 1402, in which I must “demonstrate that conditions relating to the building, terrain, or surrounding area would...make full compliance unduly restrictive, prohibitively costly, or unreasonable,” I submit the following explanation and photograph: The backyard of 4436 Alabama Ave SE slopes steeply towards the alley. I would like to provide a flat space for play, home occupational therapy sessions and other activities in the yard. There is a 24-ft drop from the deck steps to the alley and the yard has a very steep slope and concludes with a 4.5 – 5 ft drop/cliff into the alley in its current condition. The fence that was there has failed due instability, alley paving activities by the city and age. As my son with special needs has aged to 5-years old and he plays and runs but does not always understand the danger of getting too close to the steep drop into the alley.

To provide a flat space and accommodate safe play and recommended Occupational Therapy equipment (trampoline, obstacle, etc.), we are seeking a 6' (5.5 exposed) wall (supported by plans produced by a licensed engineer). The neighboring homes on this side of the alley have existing retaining walls at the same height. Subtitle U § 901.2, requires that the project: (a) Will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps; (b) Will not tend to affect adversely, the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps; and (c) Will meet such special conditions as may be specified in this title.