

## **Letter in Opposition of BZA Application for 745 10<sup>th</sup> Street SE (BZA Case #20629)**

Hello,

I am a next-door neighbor of the Applicant Jennifer May, who resides at 745 10th Street SE. I'm writing to oppose Ms. May's proposed construction of a two-story accessory garage with a roof deck.

When I moved into my current apartment at 747 10th St. SE last year, one of my major considerations was the location's ample outdoor space — both in the backyard and our rear balconies — given COVID-19 social distancing requirements. Since we've lived here, my roommate and I have used the spaces to enjoy wine nights with friends, work from home, and grow flowers and herbs (see attached image). Our ability to do all of these things would be severely obstructed if a 22' high and 22'2 long accessory is built in the neighboring lot. Not only is the proposed construction of a 236 square-foot roof deck large, awkward, and architecturally incompatible with the surrounding buildings, but it also would provide our neighbors with unfettered access into our windows (including one in my bedroom) and our rear decks. In addition, the use of our backyard area — which is regularly enjoyed by the occupants of **nine separate homes** — would be unduly compromised with the construction of neighboring walls.

My roommate and I have loved making a home in this beautiful neighborhood. Ms. May's proposed construction would severely diminish the privacy and use of our apartment's private and public spaces. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Date: 02/08/2022

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Rear porch of Apartment #4 at 747 10<sup>th</sup> Street SE:



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