

Letter of Intent /Appeal

7/22/2025

Johns Creek Community Development

11360, Lakefield Drive

Johns Creek, GA 30097

Re:9709 Buice RD ,

Johns Creek, 30022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the owner of the referenced property and have resided at this location since July 15, 2020. My husband, who lived with me at the time, passed away in 2021. Since then, I have continued to reside here as the sole owner with my two sisters.

During my time at this residence, I have always enjoyed my interactions with my neighbors, who have provided assistance when needed. In one instance, my neighbors on the left helped during an emergency involving my husband. At that time, there were no other occupants in our household, as we do not have children. My husband had a stroke 2 months prior to that and he had always enjoyed sitting by the pool. As he had finally been cleared by Neurology he had started going out to the pool area again. Never did I think that the terrible accident would occur. I was happy he had improved and was getting outside again.

Unfortunately I came home one day and found he had accidentally fallen into the pool and drowned, he knew how to swim but I think he panicked or lost his balance and fainted. There was no one in the home at that time. It was my neighbors on my left-hand side who without hesitation jumped into the pool and pulled him out. I was unable to pull him out as he was a tall and large sized gentleman.

The purpose of this letter is to provide background regarding the circumstances leading up to the rose pergola project. I currently live in the house with my two sisters, and none of us have children.

The primary reason I remain in this house is it has warm memories of my time here with my husband. This was our dream home.

Both myself and my two sisters love gardening and especially enjoy growing roses. Finally, after 4 years I had started to recover from my husband's accident and found some happiness and solace in my gardening. We had wanted to create a tranquil space and solace for myself and my sisters.

I was unaware that obtaining a permit was necessary for the pergola installation. The structure was placed in the most level area nearest to the back door from the kitchen, behind the pool on the left side of the house, where sunlight is optimal for growing roses. Due to the odd orientation of the house, with the front door facing sideways and toward my neighbor's pool, I chose this site for the pergola so my neighbors could have more privacy when they use their pool.

Additionally, my property is situated on an irregular lot with steep hills and uneven terrain, it limits usable outdoor space. The remainder of my yard faces my neighbor's swimming and they have previously spoken to me in person while I was gardening expressing their concerns and desire for increased privacy that I would be able to see them if I am gardening on that side of the house.

There is no other feasible alternate location on my property to place the pergola without either violating slope conditions or further impacting my neighbor's privacy.

Given the above circumstances, I am requesting a hardship waiver for the pergola and hope it will be considered.

Thank you.



Vidya Krishnamurthy