

Project Description:

Mindful of our community and environment, we constructed a 6-foot fence (with 1-foot lattice) along the perimeter of our exterior side yard to aid in the security, privacy, and comfort of our home. Located in the heart of downtown Santa Rosa, the property is a small, corner lot with extremely minimal front and back yard space. We used natural redwood to match the material of our home and maintained the 30-foot vision triangle setback. Since we moved into the home over four years ago, we've witnessed countless individuals walking throughout our entire property without reason or permission. With many pedestrians and drivers passing by, it leaves much of what little space we have vulnerable. This yard houses the electrical panel for the entire property and is just steps away from the sidewalk (photo attached). Exposed, anyone is able to tamper with it leading to potential safety issues for both the home and its occupants. Additionally, beside the electrical unit is a window into our basement that has a bullet/BB hole through the glass (photo attached). This further displays the importance of protection for what could potentially occur, especially with having our home reside unusually close to the sidewalk. With such a small formal backyard, this additional backyard space also allows any current and future occupants to reside in the home to "the full use and enjoyment of the property" as stated in the permit application.