

May 20, 2011

The City of Las Vegas
Planning and Building Safety

Re: 5312 Elkhorn Road, Las Vegas, NV 89131

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter to provide you with information regarding a Citation I received from the Code Enforcement with regard to the above-referenced address. I have addressed your concerns as follows:

1. **Height of Shade Structure (on west side of house).** The camping trailer I purchased is almost the same height as our house. With such a financial investment of that size, we wanted only to protect it from the elements as we all know how damaging the sun can be here in the Valley. In order to provide the shade we needed and still have the ability to park. The shade structure is slightly higher than the house but lower than the swamp cooler (which technically is the highest point of the house).
2. **Shade Structure; Off-set from House.** I was not aware of the set-back requirements. Attached are pictures showing the shade structure. It was our intent to be able to also park my personal truck for the protection as well. From the side of the house I have gone 4'0" (City requires 6'0") and then 20'0", allowing for access for hay delivery for the horses as well as being able to allow access to our well and other miscellaneous items.
3. **Material of Shade Structure.** The shade structure is composed of steel posts with an enhanced aluminum cover. This was the most economical way to protect our trailer from the elements, although still costly. We personally feel that the structure is aesthetically pleasing and adds significant value to our property. As with many of our neighbors, we bought this house for the land/acreage it provided for us to maintain our horses and keep our trailer on-site (our property) with us.
4. **Patio Cover Set-Back.** As you can see from both the hand sketch and pictures, I built the patio cover 5'0" past the edge of the house to provide as much shade as possible and covering the walk to the front door. My family and I enjoy spending time outside and the front patio provides a great gathering place for us. We are also able to see what is happening in our area as well as spend time together as a family.

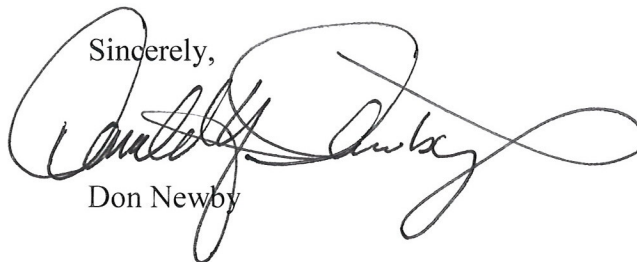
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Please note that I have provided pictures of the house just east of us as well as a couple of others within walking distance on Elkhorn Road, only to show that we feel as though we have been singled out due to the other various violations.

We are asking the City to reconsider it's position. My wife and I want only to provide a house that our family and friends can enjoy as much as we do. We look forward to working with the City to resolve this Citation and be in compliance.

Please contact me should you need any further documentation or pictures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Newby", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Don Newby

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Encls. a/s

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