

To whom it may concern:

I have recently metal shutters to enclose the gaps of the gate of my house and have been asked to express my reasoning behind my actions. I took this step for a few reasons; primarily safety and to increase my own feeling of protection. I am a single woman living alone and have begun feeling unsafe when I began to see an increase in the strange personalities, that pass by my house, on a more continuous basis, and the crime around my area has definitely increased lately as well. This was especially true because they had full viewing access of everything that was occurring at my house, such as if anybody was home, if I was alone or not, and what I was doing. I needed to find a way to see what was happening on the street and be prepared for anyone coming over, without allowing the same access for the people outside my house. Due to the fact that my house was built on a slight hill, now I am high enough to have a full view from my window, but the flat street level view no longer has view because of these metal sheets. Therefore, this seemed like the perfect solution. Furthermore, in the recent past, I have begun feeling increasing harassed by my neighbors. To this day, I do not understand what led them to continuously find petty issues with the way I run my house to report to the authorities because I have been living at this location for over twenty years and have always been considerate of those who lived in the environment around me. I made sure that noise level was always left at a comfortable minimum whenever I hosted parties or had visitors over and found any way to keep the peace and cleanliness of our homes. For example, there was an instance when the dirt and pollen from my neighbor's tree ruined my garden and would aggravate my allergies, so I paid a sum of nearly \$2,000 for its removal, nearly \$1,700 for continuous trimmings, and extra damages, all out of pocket, myself, so as not to bother anyone else, despite the fact that it was not on my property. Still, these actions have been ignored and I have found some of my neighbors lingering near my house to see everything that was going on that would potentially "bother" them, even though nothing ever has a direct affect on them (I even made sure to place the metal sheets only on my side of the gates). This has felt like a breach of privacy and I do not see any right for anyone to check in on my personal space, where I am supposed to feel safe and comfortable, just whenever they feel like it. I hope this letter is a clarifying one and alleviates any unnecessary concern.

Thank you so much for your time,

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