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Blaine City Council  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to request a variance to the fencing requirement of Article IX – Swimming Pools, Blaine Code of Ordinances.

We live on the lake in Aspen Bay, the Lakes of Blaine. We are requesting a variance to not require a fence on the lakeside of our property. We plan to fence on both sides of the property up to our buffer.

The buffer and lakeshore provide a natural barrier to the pool. It is highly unlikely that an individual would access our property via the lake (in fact it has never happened since we lived here). To ensure maximum safety, we are also installing a Latham Coverstar automatic pool cover (cost of \$11,000), which is considered an acceptable method by the International Pool and Spa Code. The power switch of the pool cover will be secured by a lock, which is managed by a passcode. This will ensure no unsupervised individuals will be able to access the pool. We will also be getting a survey completed to ensure we are within the appropriate boundaries.

If we were required to fence lakeside, it would be an additional financial burden of \$4,000. It would also significantly block the view of the lake and cut off a large portion of our yard. If the intent to fully fence the yard is for safety, we believe the automatic pool cover, fencing on both sides of the yard and natural lake barrier will ensure we meet this requirement.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick and Andrea Mack