

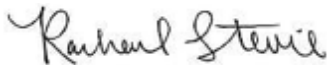
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Good afternoon!

I just wanted to let you know that the retaining walls to the west and north of the house are only 30" tall, therefore are not considered structures, so a variance is not needed for those.

Good catch and thank you so much for bringing it to my attention!



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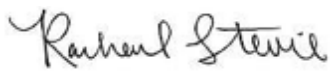
I'm looking at SHT 1 on the 'VA-21-00007 Frees Site Plan and Elevations' document, and they label the retaining wall for the front yard in the bottom right of this page. There is similar linework on the west and north side of the wall but it isn't being called out as part of this variance. SHT 4 of this plan set also appears to show a retaining wall on the back and side of the house matching SHT 1. Josh and I were discussing it and it just seems weird that they wouldn't be applying for the variance for the entire wall when it falls within a setback area. If this is still confusing, I can give you a call and try and talk through it a little further.

Thanks,  
Cameron

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Sorry I replied too fast! I am not great at reading site plans, and I don't see where the retaining wall is encroaching on side setback. Is that dark grey shaded area all retaining wall? (please excuse my ignorance)



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Hi Rachael,

I'm looking at a variance request for the Frees. They're trying to put in a retaining wall within the building setback area, and I'm trying to understand which portions of the wall actually need a variance. The plans make it look like they are only requesting a variance for the front yard (south side of the house), but it looks to me like there is another retaining wall on the north and west sides of the house within the 15' side yard setback area. It won't really change Public Works' comments or review, but it just seemed a little odd to me so I wanted to bring it to your attention.

Thanks,  
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