

12/11/20

City Of Tangent  
Attn: City Council  
Bass Estate  
32166 Old Oak Drive  
Tangent, OR 97389

**RE: Appeal of Letson Variance**

Dear Members of the City Council,

First, we would like to sincerely thank you for your previous approval of waiving our variance fee in light of the unusual circumstances.

We do not feel it is necessary to resurrect all of the details in this letter, as I believe it has been thoroughly provided in previous testimony. We would like to provide the highlights of what we feel are some of the most important aspects for consideration:

- We never mis-represented what we were intending to build. The intention of our communication and the purpose of providing the drawings **prior** to building was to ensure we did so in accordance with requirements. Please reference this communication on page 2-4 of this letter. The intention of sharing this is not to place blame on an error or misinformation, it is only to show we received communication to move forward and that is why we proceeded. Interpretation of the setback exception listed in the development code was a bit confusing and needed clarification.
- Once we learned the permit and variance were required, we immediately stopped construction and followed the steps necessary to have conformance with variance and permit requirements.
- The staff report suggests that we could pick up and move the structure; however this is *not possible* without completely tearing down the structure and rebuilding, including jack hammering the existing concrete pad and pouring a new pad with new concrete footings as structure posts must be anchored into concrete footings, not just the concrete pad.
- Please consider the impacts of altering the structure will have on us, not only financially, as our engineered drawings are now being finalized.

In looking at the big picture of approving the appeal to tear down all of our hard work and savings, if this structure is rebuilt and moved a minor distance, it is going to have **extremely minimal impact** to what the neighbor sees visually, including variations in noise levels.

Respectfully,

Noel & Randi Letson

**From:** [Georgia Edwards](#)  
**To:** [Letson, Randi](#)  
**Subject:** Building Permit  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:27:22 AM

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It looks like you will not need a building permit since it is all open according to Bev. So you are good to go.

Georgia Edwards

**From:** [Letson, Randi](#)  
**To:** ["noel.letson@comcast.net"](mailto:noel.letson@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** FW: Letson Backyard Pergola  
**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2020 2:11:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Georgia Edwards <[Georgia@cityoftangent.org](mailto:Georgia@cityoftangent.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 11:01 AM  
**To:** Letson, Randi <[rletson@nuscalepower.com](mailto:rletson@nuscalepower.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Letson Backyard Pergola

Randi,

I am checking with Bev Manfredo regarding this to make sure I have the right information. The set backs are fine. However, when I was talking to your husband I was thinking that this was a less than 200 square feet building, but actually now that you have written it out, it appears that a building permit would be needed. For a building permit, you will need 3 copies of the pergola and show how it is being supported. As soon as Bev let me know, I will forward the response to you. BTW starting next Monday we will be in the office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Georgia Edwards, City of Tangent

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**From:** Letson, Randi <[rletson@nuscalepower.com](mailto:rletson@nuscalepower.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 7:54 AM  
**To:** Georgia Edwards  
**Subject:** Letson Backyard Pergola

Morning Georgia,

Hope you are doing well. My husband called yesterday (you may have been the one that spoke with him I suspect) and he just wanted to be sure all is good with building the patio/pergola in the backyard. He said he got the green light and even though I looked up info in my trusty book I am still getting familiar with all the regulations... I wanted to double check and make sure for my own peace

of mind we are good to go. I had him pencil out a drawing with the detail and attached. ☺ Let me know if you think all is ok and I will give him my thumbs up.

Thank you!



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