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Subject: Thank you for your submission - City of Victoria - Address Council Form

Name: Richard Wise **Date:** March 14, 2016
Address: 1524 Bywood Place

I wish to appear at the following Council meeting: March 24, 2016

I represent: Self

Topic: Front yard fence height for growing food in R1-A

Action you wish Council to take:

Action: Challenge the current zoning bylaw of a 4ft front yard fence in R1-A neighbourhood to support food gardens with appropriate deer fence. About me: I am a homeowner & urban farmer with a south facing front yard. Local food security is of great importance to me. I recently removed my front lawn and have been prepping the site for permaculture designed organic food production. The problem: I had been under the impression that I could build a 6 ft fixed fence. (4ft solid and 2 ft lattice) or use a 7ft deer fence because its temporary heavy duty mesh on steel t-bar posts. (similar to what the city would use around a soccer field) After calling and double checking with the Victoria Bylaw department I realized I am only allowed a 4ft fence. I supposed another option is to build 2 four foot fences about 3.5 feet from each other to stop the deer from jumping over. This seems to me like an unnecessary and outdated bylaw. I agree the deer should stay. Conclusion: All this being said there has to be a balance out of respect to peoples property values, neighbours views, food security, and attractive design. I would greatly appreciate the support from the city to help design an attractive deer fence option for urban food gardens. Thank you for your time and consideration Richard Wise

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