



## SANDY SPRINGS

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TO: Eden Freeman, City Manager  
FROM: Dave Wells, Director of Facilities/Capital Construction and Building Operations  
DATE: June 27, 2023 Submission for the July 18, 2023 City Council Meeting  
ITEM: Request for Mayor and City Council Consideration of a Variance from Section 8.2.10–  
Applicability; Fences and Walls of the Development Code to Allow the Use of Concertina Wire  
for Construction of the Fleet Maintenance Facility

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### ***Recommendation:***

City Staff recommends that the Mayor and City Council Approve a Variance from the Sandy Springs Development Code Sec. 8.2.10 – “Applicability; Fences and Walls” in order to allow the use of Concertina Wire on rear and sides of the Fleet Maintenance Facility building.

### ***Background:***

The proposed Fleet Maintenance Facility will be located at 8475 Roswell Road and will consist of a pre-engineered metal building which will include office space and vehicle service bays. The site will also include a fueling station, parking, an outdoor picnic area and an above-ground stormwater management facility and utility infrastructure.

### ***Discussion:***

The property is intended to be enclosed by a security fence. The fence facing Roswell Rd will be a traditional ornamental picket fence with brick columns every 24' on center at maximum. The remaining secured area which includes the rear and sides of the property, as shown by the blue dashed line on the attached diagram, will be enclosed by a 6' chain link fence topped with concertina wire as a security measure per Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) to prevent intruders from readily climbing the fence and gaining entrance to the secured area. As we strive to provide a safe and secure environment for the City of Sandy Springs staff and its operations.

The current ordinance (Development Code Div.8.2.10- Fences and Walls) Design Standards; (a) Materials a. General Provisions (iii) Barbed wire, razor wire and concertina wire are prohibited.

Staff is requesting a variance to allow the concertina wire component to assure secure effectiveness.

Important points of consideration include:

- As currently designed, the fence is 6' tall and is approximately 30' back from the curb of Roswell Road.
- Concertina wire is not planned to be included along the entirety of the ornamental fence that will front Roswell Road.

- Concertina wire is planned to be on the top of the fence on the southern property line, adjacent to Caliber Collision, and ending at the southwest corner of the fence (as indicated by the blue dashed line in the diagram).
- There will be significant landscaping installed along the Roswell Road frontage, including 10' tall trees at the corner where the concertina wire will be attached. Please see the attached landscape plan with distances annotated.

***Financial Impact:***

There is currently no cost impact.

***Alternatives:***

Mayor and Council may choose not to approve the request and provide further direction to Staff.

***Review:***

Octavia Baynes, Administrative Asst.	Created/Initiated - 7/11/2023
Richard Collins, Construction Manager	Approved - 7/11/2023
Dave Wells, Director of Facilities/Capital Construction and Building Operations	Approved - 7/11/2023
Toni Carlisle, Chief Financial Officer	Approved - 7/11/2023
Dan Lee, City Attorney	Approved - 7/13/2023
Eden Freeman, City Manager	Final Approval - 7/14/2023

***Attachments:***

1. Sandy Springs Fleet Maintenance Layout
2. Breedlove Planning\_ Fleet Variance Request
3. CPTED Letter
4. 2023.07.18 Presentation