

Dear Ms. Cromwell,

Please accept this letter as notice that I would like to please request a hearing with the Billings City Zoning & Planning Department - Board of Adjustments.

My intention is to present to the BOA a basis for the following:

Primarily,

1 - Corrugated metal is in fact a commonly used material for fences in residential areas.

Secondarily,

2 - The definition and purpose of a Fence as defined by Ordinance 17-5697- and it's application to the subject property.

Due to the amount of information being presented,

I have opted to use separate *exhibits* for the Board of Adjustment's examination.

Thank you,

Jason Norman

1 - Corrugated metal is a commonly used material for residential fencing.

Please see EXHIBIT A - Residential Photos

Exhibit A contains approximately 300 photos of residential homes with corrugated fences to show that this is a commonly used fence material in residential applications.

I've divided these exhibits into 6 attachments of 50 each.

(Exhibit A1, A2, A3, A4, A5 & A6). I can provide several more if needed.

Please see EXHIBIT B - National Suppliers

Exhibit B contains screenshots of the 2 largest Home Improvement stores in the world, marketing the sales of corrugated steel fence panels specifically for residential applications nationwide.

Lowes: 2,200 Stores in US & Canada.

Home Depot: 2,300 Stores in US, Canada & Mexico

Please see EXHIBIT C - Testimonial Letters

Exhibit C contains testimonial letters from major suppliers here in Billings, Great Falls, and a Nationwide distributor that provide corrugated metal fencing to several other demographics specifically for residential applications.

Exhibit C-1 Bridger Steel - Nationwide Distributor

Exhibit C-2 Protech Steel - Great Falls, MT

Exhibit C-3 Protech Steel - Billings, MT

Please see EXHIBIT D - Fence Contractors

Exhibit D contains home pages (with URL) of 15 fence contractors that specifically market corrugated metal fencing for residential homes. I can provide many more if needed.

Please see EXHIBIT E - Promotional Organizations

Exhibit E contains marketing from nationally recognized home improvement organizations promoting the use of corrugated steel fencing and its benefits in residential applications.

Please see EXHIBIT F - Neighbors Objections

Exhibit F is 1 document of signatures and opinions of all neighbors on the same block as my home.

2 - Definition and purpose of a Fence as defined by Ordinance 17-5697

What the Zoning Department is referring to as a *fence* is actually a patio enclosure (see photos below).

ORDINANCE 17-5697 defines a "Fence" as:

"A barrier composed of posts connected by boards, rails, panels or wire *for the purpose of enclosing space to separate parcels of land.*" *Sec 27-201 Definitions [pg 5]*

Unlike the purpose of a fence *to separate parcels of land*, the corrugated metal panels that were used to enclose the patio serve the same purpose as the walls of the home

- a. do not run along any boundary of the property.
- b. do not come in contact with *any* point of the perimeter of the property for the purpose of dividing the property into separate parcels (i.e. back yard, front yard - etc).

The walls of this enclosure are:

- 10' from the South boundary of the Lot [alley]
- 7' from the West boundary of the Lot
- 15' from the East boundary of the Lot
- The North wall of the patio, is the south wall of the home (please see photos below - during 2017 construction)

The enclosure is an *addition to the home/dwelling* as Ms. Punt verbalized to me when I came to the Zoning Department in person to pay the permit fees and any associated costs - saying:

"I think it's a beautiful *addition to the home*, but it's made of a material that we don't allow."

This was constructed as an extension of the dwelling immediately after the construction of the home was completed. This was done under a building permit that the Building Department advised me that I did not need an additional *building permit for* (nor did I need to submit revised plans), since the walls of the patio enclosure were under 6' in height.





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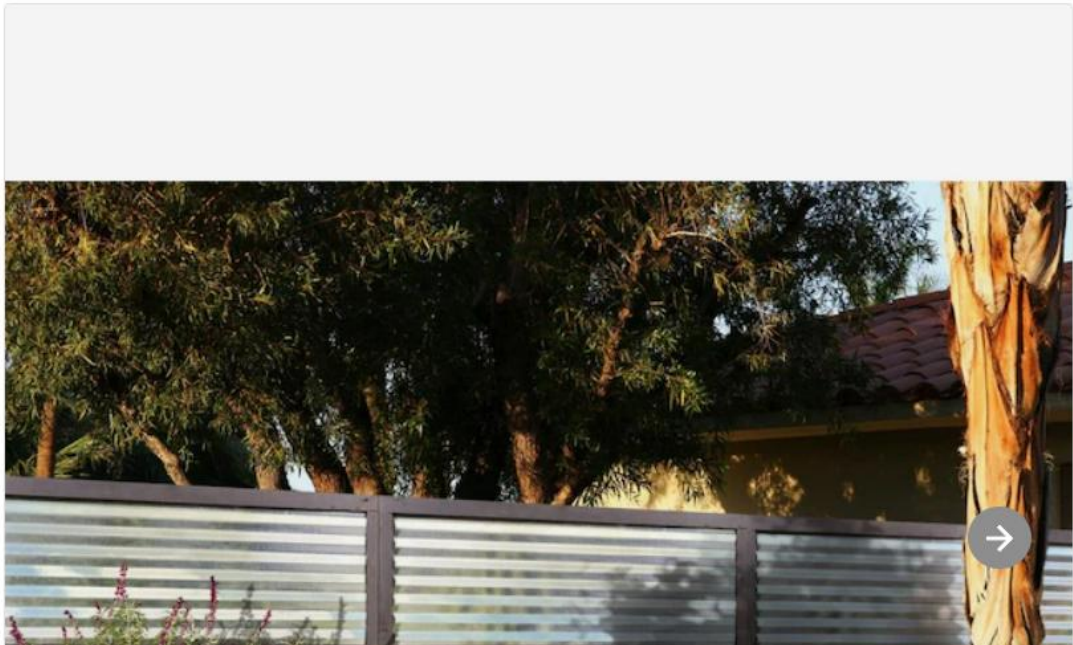
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Modern Privacy Fence



If your home has a modern flair, you may want a fence to match. But a [modern privacy fence](#) could also be paired with a more classic home or a standard midcentury ranch that you'd like to add some modern details too.



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Corrugated Metal Fencing



Metal privacy fences, made with panels or sheets of metal, can offer a unique, modern look. Corrugated metal tends to be lighter and more affordable than wood. A metal privacy fence also doesn't need as much care as a wood fence.

February 6, 2023

RE: Corrugated Fencing

Bridger Steel is one of the leading manufacturers of roll formed steel panels. Our corrugated panels are commonly used in residential applications for fencing panels as a durable long term solution that looks great.

I can attest to the fact that we are a nationwide supplier to markets all over the U.S. where our corrugated steel fence panels are very commonly used for residential applications.

I have included screenshots below from our website with some examples.

Mike DuFresne
Chief Sales and Marketing Officer

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Fence Panels: Weathering Steel 7/8" Corrugated Fencing

From privacy fencing for residential needs to livestock fencing for ranches, steel fence panels provide a combination of durability and style. You'll love the low maintenance and aesthetic style of a metal fence! With a variety of colors and finishes available, plus a different metal fence panel profiles to choose from, you can design the fence you want without sacrificing the durability you need. Bridger Steel also offers metal decking options for commercial builds.

Corrugated Fencing

Residential, Commercial, & Agricultural Steel Fence Panels

Corrugated metal is a very popular fence metal panel because it offers durability with very little maintenance. Galvanized steel is a top choice for a metal fence panel since it performs well in all climates — working to resist weathering and rusting. With multiple options for sizes, thicknesses, and colors, Corrugated metal is a great fence panel option for various environments in need of high-performance fencing.



Metal Privacy Fencing

Residential & Commercial Steel Fence Panels

From commercial to residential markets, privacy fence metal is becoming a popular choice for homeowners, architects, and builders. With numerous panels manufactured in a variety of lengths, metal privacy fence panels offer durability and longevity that other fencing materials such as wood and vinyl simply can't offer. Privacy fence metal is able to withstand the tests of time and harsh weather environments. You'll be amazed at how low maintenance and aesthetically pleasing your privacy fence metal will be!



Dear City of Billings,

I am writing on behalf of Protech Steel, a leading supplier of building materials, to express our support for the approval of corrugated metal as a material for residential fencing within the city.

As you may be aware, corrugated metal is a very commonly used material for residential fencing in other demographics that we supply materials to. Its popularity is due to its numerous positive benefits, making it an excellent choice for homeowners.

The durability of corrugated metal is unparalleled, and it is capable of withstanding even the harshest weather conditions. This ensures that it will maintain its appearance and functionality for years to come, providing a long-lasting and low-maintenance fencing solution for homeowners.

In addition to its durability, corrugated metal is also highly affordable, making it an excellent choice for homeowners who are looking to get the most value for their investment. This affordability, combined with its low maintenance requirements, make it an ideal choice for cost-conscious homeowners who are looking for a practical and economical fencing solution.

We also believe that corrugated metal is highly recyclable, making it an eco-friendly choice that helps reduce waste and preserve the planet's resources. This eco-friendliness aligns with the city's commitment to sustainability, and we are confident that residents will appreciate this aspect of this material.

Finally, corrugated metal provides excellent security and privacy, ensuring that homes and families are safe and protected. With its strong and durable construction, it is difficult to penetrate, providing a reliable and secure fencing solution for homeowners.

In conclusion, we strongly believe that the approval of corrugated metal as a material for residential fencing within the city would be a positive step for both homeowners and the city as a whole. With its durability, affordability, eco-friendliness, and security, it offers numerous benefits that make it an excellent choice for this application.



Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to provide corrugated metal to the residents of Billings.

Sincerely,

Chris Ciccotelli

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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of ProTech Steel, a leading supplier of building materials, to express our support for the approval of the use of corrugated metal panels in residential fencing within the city. Corrugated metal is a common choice our customers use for residential fencing.

We believe that corrugated steel is an excellent choice for residential fencing for the following reasons.

As a company committed to providing high-quality and innovative building solutions, we believe that corrugated metal panels offer numerous positive benefits that make them an excellent choice for residential fencing applications.

The durability of corrugated metal panels is unparalleled, and they are capable of withstanding even the harshest weather conditions. This ensures that they will maintain their appearance and functionality for years to come, providing a long-lasting and low-maintenance fencing solution for homeowners.

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Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to provide corrugated metal panels to the residents of Billings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reece Gliko', written over a large, loopy flourish that extends across the width of the signature area.

Reece Gliko
General Manager
ProTech Steel
Great Falls, MT



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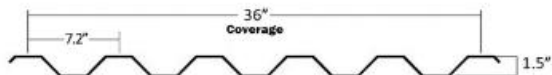
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Corrugated metal is strong and rustproof. It can be used in many ways and add a unique touch to homes and landscapes. It is made from Zinc, or a mix of Zinc and other materials to offset weathering and rust, and is mostly known for its recyclability and high recycled content compared to other materials. This type of metal is seen by consumers as lightweight and affordable.

Corrugated metal fence

by Chris Marquand | Sep 11, 2014 | Metal fences



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Red Iron Fence Systems



Have you been considering a privacy fence? Some of the most durable and beautiful privacy fence options are provided by red iron and Metal Center's R-Panel or Desert-Rib panels. These fences are easy to install and maintain and will make your home stand out from the rest!

Corrugated iron fence inspiration

A global building boom and pandemic-related shipping delays and congestion have caused industry-wide timber supply issues. If you are struggling to find traditional wooden fence palings, you might want to consider a corrugated steel/timber post combination fence.

New Zealand has had a long and illustrious history of using galvanised corrugated steel for roofing, beginning with industrial and farm roofs, and quickly extending to residential buildings. A more recent development in the application of this material includes usage as a wall cladding. Done well, profiled metal cladding creates an attractive aesthetic.

In the same way, profiled metal is a material well-suited to use for fencing. Timber-framed panels of corrugated iron sheets create a striking visual effect (highly visually interesting compared to the same old timber palings that we do to death in NZ!). Our [iron bay](#) has you covered for every thing you might need for your designer fence!





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Aluminum or steel fence is created by rolling long tubes of metal over a preset die which decides the shape on every piece. For each section, the metal thickness determines the strength. So, the thicker the metal, the more resistant it is to bending or damaging. Like the vinyl fence, the aluminum fence is also mainly modular, so making customization and upgrades are easy. The aluminum fence also features several additions like ornamental choices, post caps, and rail styles for improving the appeal as a modest or outlandish fence.



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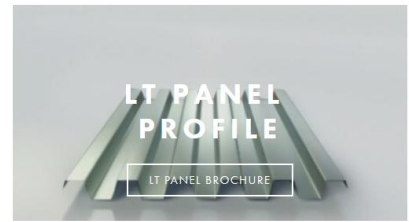
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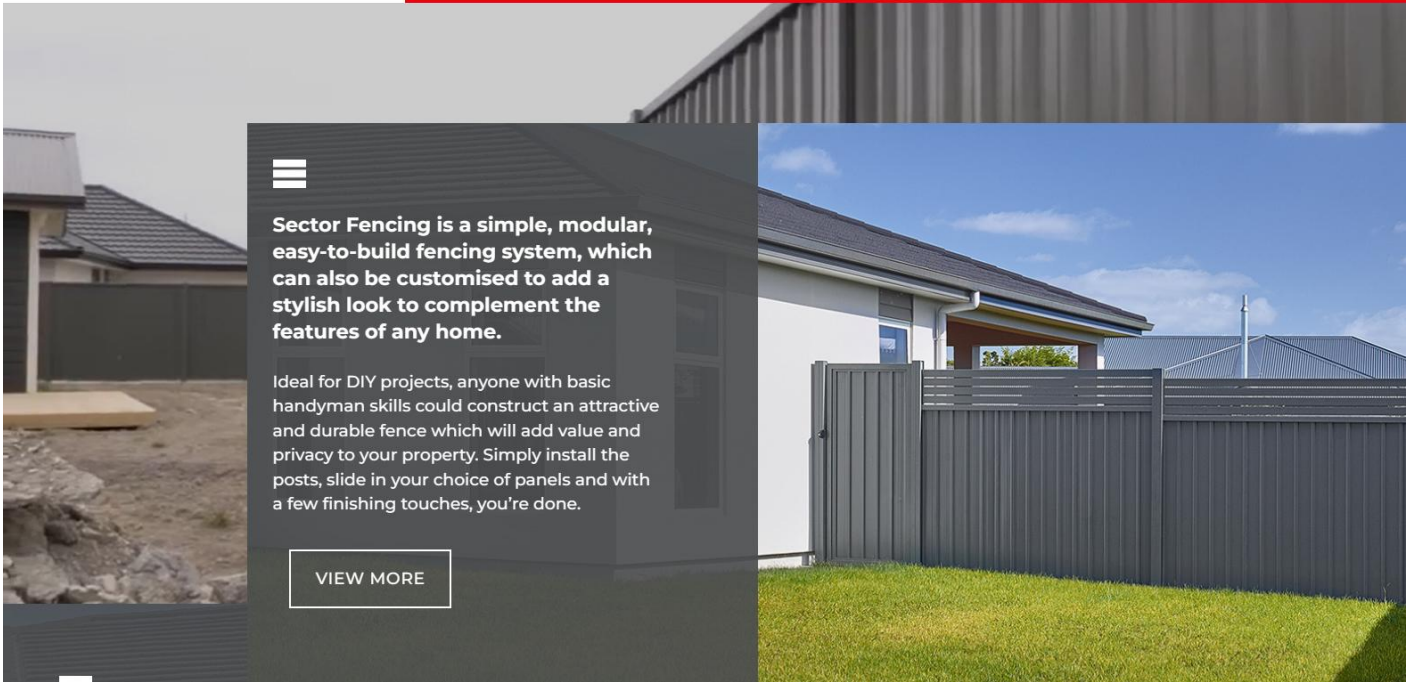
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Corrugated Metal Fencing

Corrugated metal fencing brings all the benefits of metal roofing and siding to a new application. Unlike wood, these materials don't need to be stained and treated periodically, meaning you've got a virtually maintenance free fence. Corrugated fencing adds a modern unique look to your home. It comes in many styles and colors, meaning you can customize to your style and preferences.





16. Corrugated Metal



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If total privacy is the goal, and your design style of choice is industrial, a [corrugated metal](#) fence may be ideal for your needs. Galvanized sheets of corrugated metal are lighter in weight per square foot than many other fence materials, and the material can resist mold and rust. Some DIYers even choose to upcycle old metal.

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9. Go Modern

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Corrugated metal is one of the more modern-looking fencing options on the market. Its industrial quality seriously shields your backyard from curious onlookers while contributing yet one more texture to the common palette of stone, gravel, and concrete. Found at home improvement stores and purchased in budget-friendly sheets, these metal [fences](#) are also extremely durable, ensuring a long-lasting privacy solution for your space.



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1. Metal Privacy Fence

A corrugated metal fence is not only cost-effective, but it's also more durable and easy to care for than wood. The material is rot-, rust-, and mold-resistant, making upkeep minimal. And because it doesn't have slats, sheet metal provides an abundance of privacy. It also works well for hanging planter boxes or outdoor wall accents.

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Give your garden a modern feel with a wall of inexpensive galvanized corrugated metal. Wood patio furniture and colorful geraniums soften the space. Horizontal stripes on a cushion mimic the texture of the metal sheeting.