

1. Who proposed installing a security fence around Terrace Hill? Did this idea originate from within the Office of the Governor, or the Iowa State Patrol?

**The Department of Public Safety and the Iowa State Patrol have been providing a safe and secure environment for Iowa's Governors and their family since 1970 starting with Governor Robert Ray. As a matter of practice, we are continually reviewing security protocols and have considered the need for this additional security measure since at least 2017.**

**Additionally, the United States Department of Homeland Security recommended the need for perimeter security (fencing) at Terrace Hill on more than one occasion, with the latest assessment/recommendation taking place in January of 2020.**

**Iowa is one of only a few states in the nation that do not have perimeter security fencing around the Governor's residence. The State of Michigan recently installed a perimeter fence at Governor Whitmer's residence as part of a security upgrade.**

**Recent events to include the foiled attempt to kidnap Governor Whitmer have reinforced our longstanding concerns.**

2. Who approved the idea of installing a security fence around Terrace Hill? Records I have received indicate that this plan was approved sometime during August 2020. Was that Governor Reynolds' decision, or did Department of Public Safety/Iowa State Patrol officials also participate?

**See above.**

3. What was the reason for proposing a security fence around Terrace Hill? I know that on a few occasions during the summer of 2020, Des Moines Black Lives Matter activists marched near the governor's residence, but I am not aware of any noteworthy incidents (arrests, property damage, forceful crowd dispersal methods like chemical irritants) happening during those events. Also, as far as I know there were no protests near Terrace Hill at any point after Governor Reynolds signed her executive order on voting rights on August 5.

**See above.**

A permanent fence that changes the landscape of a historical landmark seems like an extreme response if there were no new security threats at Terrace Hill last year, so any additional context ISP staff can provide would be helpful.

**See above.**

4. How will the security fence construction be funded? Did the Iowa State Patrol or Department of Public Safety have enough money in their FY2021 budget to cover that expense? Will there be a request for a special appropriation at some point? Or is there some existing pot of money that can be tapped for this cost?

**The Iowa Department of Public Safety is funding this project.**

5. What is the estimated price tag for this fence project? Or, if it's already been completed (I haven't been to Terrace Hill recently), how much did the planning and construction cost?

**We do not have a final cost estimate for the fence project.**

6. What funds are going to be used (or were used) for the Terrace Hill fence? State funds only, or a mix of federal and state funds? Will any private donations help cover the cost?

**The Iowa Department of Public Safety will be utilizing state funds.**

7. What is the current time frame for beginning and completing construction of this fence? If the fence has already been installed, let me know when construction began and was completed.

**The fence has not been installed. Information regarding security protocols is confidential pursuant to Iowa Chapter 22.7(50).**

8. What are the current specifications for the fence? (linear feet, height, materials, with or without spikes, number of gates, etc.) I saw some numbers floated in the records I received, but those weren't final. A photograph reflecting the current vision would be helpful.

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## **SEPARATE REQUEST:**

Hello Debbie,

I'm circling back on these questions, and I have one additional question:

I see on this state database that the Iowa Department of Public Safety spent \$72,658 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund on February 4, 2021 for "Governor's Personal Security."

<https://data.iowa.gov/d/68ay-29f3/visualization>

Was that expenditure related to the Terrace Hill fence project?

**This expenditure was not related to the installation of a perimeter fence at Terrace Hill.**