

Required information for applications for new Fences in Historic Districts

- Completed Historic District Commission Application
- Photo(s) of existing conditions
- Plot Plan showing site features (garage, driveway, house footprint, existing fences, etc.) and proposed fence length, height, and opacity. Many people use a mortgage survey and draw the fence on with a highlighter or colored marker.
- Drawing or photo of fence design(s)
- Additional information if requested by staff

General information:

- A Fence Permit Application must also be submitted and approved. See www.a2gov.org/zoning.
- Historic fences must be kept and maintained.
- Materials and dimensions must be compatible with the property and historic district. Wood is most typical. Metal fences in the front yard may be appropriate for brick structures. Vinyl fences are not considered appropriate.
- Fences should be installed within a foot of lot lines when possible.
- Custom designs will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Front yard fences over 36" and backyard fences over 6' must be reviewed by the HDC, not staff.
- Fences must also meet the requirements of Chapter 104 Fences of City Code: see the Fence Guidelines at www.a2gov.org/zoning for more information.
- Fences are usually not permitted in the floodplain.