



Walls and fences are significant site elements in historic districts. Traditionally, fences and walls served a number of purposes ranging from marking boundaries to keeping animals in or out. Most contemporary purposes for fences and walls remain consistent with those of the past with one notable exception – privacy. Since the advent of the automobile, social life has moved from the openness and interaction of the front porch and yard to the more secluded, private backyard. The use of tall, solid fences to increase privacy is a direct consequence. When properly placed such fences can achieve their aim without negatively impacting the district.

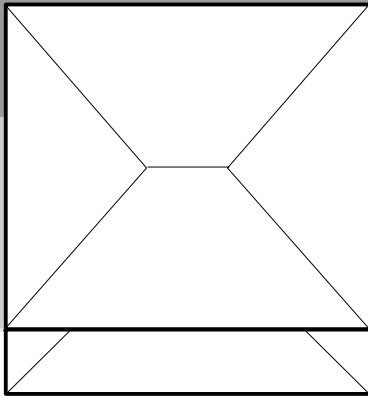
- Maintain and preserve historic fences and walls.
- Respect the established precedent within the district for fence placement and design. Limit fences to side and rear yards.
- Place picket fences of wood or metal in side and rear yards. Do not use vinyl. Limit the height to between three and four feet.
- Place containment fences of twisted wire, hogwire, or black vinyl-coated chainlink substantially behind the front wall of the house (partial side yard & rear yard). Limit the height to between three and four feet.
- Place wood privacy fences substantially behind the front wall of the house (partial side yard & rear yard). On corner properties recess the fence from the property line along the secondary street. Do not use vinyl. Avoid brick walls. Limit the height to between five and seven feet.
- Use traditional materials (brick, stone, or concrete block) and design (less than two feet above grade) for front yard retaining walls. Rear yard retaining walls, in areas with little or no visibility from the public right-of-way, may use modern materials and design.

*Picket, containment, and privacy fencing allowed. Chain link fencing acceptable, vinyl coated or painted black.*

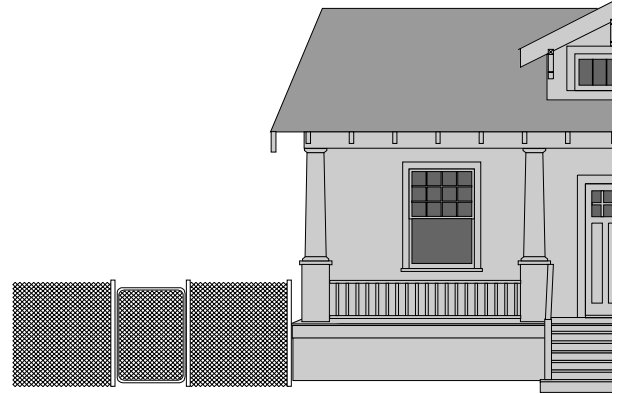
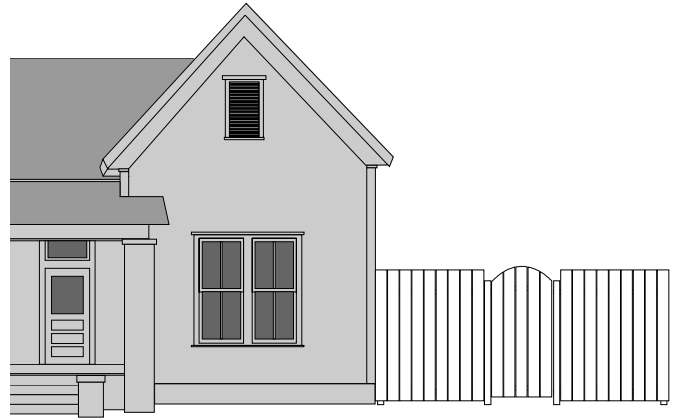
*Corner properties should avoid placing privacy and containment fencing between the side elevation of the house and the side street*



*Picket fencing allowed.*

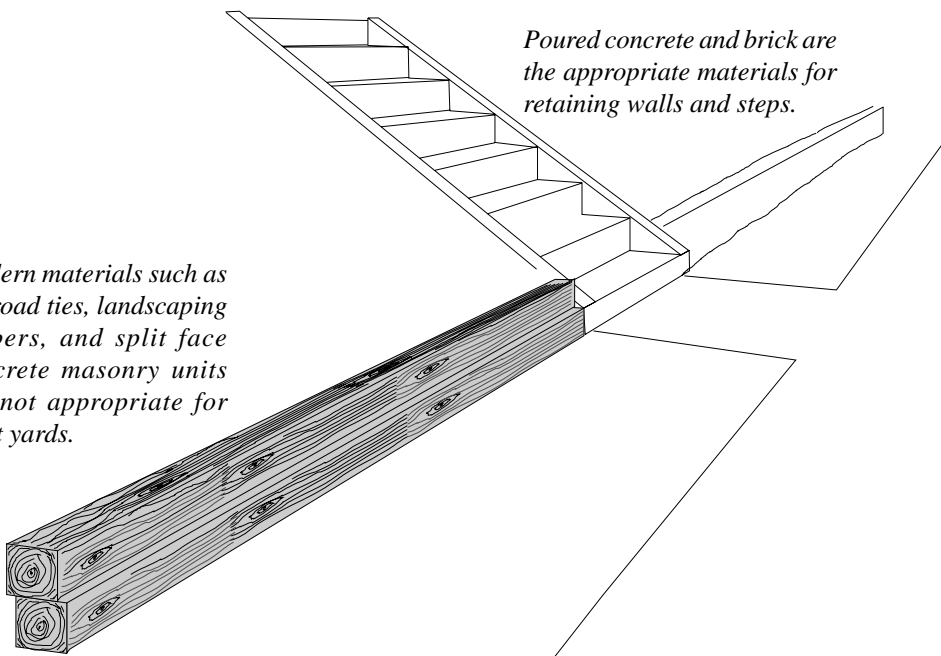


*Picket fencing allowed.*



*Neither privacy fences nor chainlink fences are appropriate in front yards or the forward section of side yards.*

*Modern materials such as railroad ties, landscaping timbers, and split face concrete masonry units are not appropriate for front yards.*



*Poured concrete and brick are the appropriate materials for retaining walls and steps.*