

Fences and Walls

Typically fences and walls were not historically prominent features of most homes. When fences or walls were used they were low in height and visually open so the house was clearly visible. The popularity of privacy fencing has become more of a modern style.

Given the prominence of fences and walls in the front yard it is critical that compatibility with the architecture of the structure be achieved. This can be accomplished through the use of materials and finish and/or landscaping. Certain architectural styles lend themselves to certain types of fencing. Wood board-on-board and picket fences are compatible with Frame Vernacular, Bungalow and Colonial Revival. Brick, rusticated block, wrought iron or stucco walls are appropriate with residential masonry structures or residential structures with large masonry components such as brick piers or stone facades.

Guidelines:

1. Fencing and walls shall match the style of the building in scale, material and color.
2. All fences and walls shall be painted or stained a color that is complementary to the color of the house. The color should match either the body or trim color of the house.
3. Walls or fences that create a long continuous span (over 50 feet) shall contain some form of architectural relief such as pattern breaks in the wall plane, use of columns or a mix of solid to open spans.
4. The use of multiple fencing materials and styles creates a piecemeal effect, which detracts from the character of the house and district; is prohibited.
5. Appropriate wood fences for Frame Vernacular, Colonial Revival and Bungalow includes board-on-board and white picket. White plastic fences, which emulate wood board-on-board or picket is an acceptable alternative. For properties located along Dodecanese Boulevard, a nautical theme of post and rope fencing is encouraged.
6. Wood stockade fencing is not recommended because of its solid appearance unlike picket and board-on-board which have openings and variations in the wall plane.
7. Chain link fencing, which is a non-historic fence type is not recommended; however, vinyl coated chain link in combination with landscaping can be compatible.
8. Adequate visual clearance shall be provided at intersections and driveways.
9. Dumpster enclosures shall conform to the accessory structure chapter of this manual and the construction specifications of the City Code.

Fencing



Inappropriate: Use of multiple fence styles and materials.



Appropriate: Use of materials that are appropriate with architectural style of the house.

Additional Information