

## **HRB Policy #6 (First Adopted 9/88; Revised 6/91) - Policy on Construction of Fences and Walls**

The following policy is hereby adopted by the Oregon City Historic Review Board regarding the construction or alteration of fences and walls within Historic Districts, on designated sites in Conservation Districts, or on individual sites designated as landmarks.

Front yard fences or walls and corner side yard fences or walls should be no more than 42 inches in height and shall not create a traffic site obstruction (as defined in Chapter 10.32 of the Oregon City Municipal Code). Along rear yards and interior side yards (beyond the front yard setback), fences or walls may be up to six (6) feet in height.

Fences or walls that are listed in the "ACCEPTABLE" category may be reviewed and a decision made by staff. The primary criterion to be used by staff shall be compatibility of the proposed fence or wall with the style and period of the designated structure. If the proposal is not on a designated, the primary criterion shall be compatibility with surrounding historic structures. Either staff or applicant shall have the option of referring the plans to the Historic Review Board for resolution of doubtful or contested application of standards. Fences or walls that are not listed, or that are specifically listed under the "NOT ACCEPTABLE" category must be submitted for review and decision by the Historic Review Board.

<b>Fences and Walls in Front Yards and Corner Side Yards</b>	
<b>ACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b>
Iron Picket	Chain-link
Ornamental Cast Iron	Post and Rail / Split Rail
Brick	Concrete Block
Combinations of Iron and Masonry	Stockade
Wood Picket - flat boards or square vertical	Plywood / Hardboard or Asbestos Panel
Woven Wire if installed according to height Available from manufacturer and with wood posts and rails	Hollow, Twisted Wrought Iron
	Mixed Material Diagonal Board (e.g. brick / wood/vinyl)
<b>Fences in Interior Side Yards, Alleyways and Rear Yards</b>	
<b>ACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>NOT ACCEPTABLE</b>
All that are acceptable above	All that are not acceptable above
Concrete Block	
Horizontal Board	
Staggered Vertical Board (good neighbor)	
Solid Wood - flat-topped, clipped top or capped vertical	