

Discussion Draft: HRB Fence Policy

NOTE: The Table below is a draft HRB fence policy. Definitions and examples of each fence material type is included in a separate document. Guidance is needed to determine the right grouping of property types/styles in the far left box, and also to determine the correct review level in Table 1. The review levels in the Table currently should be scrutinized and modified according to what the HRB deems compatible.

Compatibility is based on the impact of the fence or wall on the historic structure – does the fence or wall detract from the historic character of the property? Does it block the view of historic elements? Compatibility should not be determined based on tastes or aesthetic factors only.

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.

Styles/Property Types:
GROUP A
Craftsman/Bungalow
GROUP B
Vernacular
GROUP C
Queen Anne
COMMERCIAL
Streetcar Commercial
Beaux Arts
Other
OTHER
(MAY ADD TO GROUP A, B, OR C)
Victorian
Tudor
Italianate
Stick
English Cottage
Gothic Revival
Foursquare
Classical Revival
Georgian
Colonial Revival
Minimal Traditional
Prairie School
Ranch
Mediterranean Revival
Shed
Utilitarian
NONCONTRIBUTING (Canemah)

TABLE 1: Fence and Wall Types

KEY:										
STAFF = STAFF APPROVAL. FENCE MEETS HRB POLICY AND MAY BE APPROVED WITHOUT HRB REVIEW										
HRB = HRB REVIEW REQUIRED. FENCE DOES NOT MEET HRB POLICY AND HRB NEEDS TO REVIEW TO DETERMINE COMPATIBILITY										
N = NOT ALLOWED. FENCE IS NOT ALLOWED; REQUEST TO HRB MAY BE MADE BUT WILL LIKELY BE DENIED										
Fence/Wall Material**	Front Yard/Corner Side					Interior Side/Rear Yard				
	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	COMMERCIAL	NONCONTRIBUTING	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	COMMERCIAL	NONCONTRIBUTING
Wrought Iron	HRB	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Combination of iron and masonry	HRB	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Wood Picket	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Brick	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Basalt Stone/Basalt Veneer	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Non-basalt stone	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Stucco*	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Solid Wood Vertical Board	HRB	HRB	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Solid Wood Horizontal Board	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Wood lattice	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Concrete (poured)	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Steel or Aluminum, black coated	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Split Rail	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Concrete Block	N	N	N	N	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Chain Link	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	HRB
Chain Link Hedge Slats	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	HRB
Framed wire	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
Unframed wire	N	N	N	N	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB
Vinyl, Hardboard or Asbestos	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	HRB
Gabion Walls	N	N	N	N	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB	HRB	STAFF
Recycled Concrete	N	N	N	N	HRB	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF

*Allowed only if structure is also made of stucco
**Any proposed materials/designs that are not included in this policy will be reviewed by the HRB.