



Legislation Text

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Obtain COA for fencing installed around the yard of a single-family dwelling (B)

Petition HP-21-10. P.J. & Gina van Blokland, owners. Certificate of Appropriateness to gain approval of installed fencing around the side and rear of a single-family dwelling. Located at 310 NE 13th Avenue. This building is a contributing structure to the Northeast Residential Historic District.

Project Description

The applicant is seeking the approval of a six foot tall chain link fence that was installed without receiving a COA for the proposal. The owners have been cited by the Code Enforcement Division for a fence installation without receiving a COA. This petition makes the request that the installed fence remain in place on three sides of the back yard; on the west side, the north side, and on the east. These portions of the fence are not visible from the right-of-way. The western segment of the fence is adjacent to a chain link fence on the adjacent property. The south portion of the chain link fence is visible from the right-of-way, and would be replaced with a six foot tall wood stockade fence over metal posts painted black, with partially open gates. The board pattern for the gates would be 1x6, 1x2, 1x2, and 1x6, for a 40% transparency and some visibility into the side yard. The six foot height is requested because of the need to keep a large dog (Great Dane) in the yard and not jumping a four foot tall fence. The small segment of chain link fencing on the south elevation on the east side of the house will be replaced with the six foot tall wood stockade fence.

The six foot tall wood stockade fence does not extend in to the front yard beyond the front wall of the house and this property is not a corner lot with a highly visible side or rear yard. The three sides of the fence on the east, west, and north, are not highly visible from the right-of-way. Chain link fencing is not recommended in the historic districts but is not outright prohibited. The proposed wood fence for the visible south elevation is not more than six feet in height and is an appropriate material. This south elevation fence with the gates would be set back from the street over 40 feet, while the proposed fence on the east side would be set back over 60 feet from the street. The proposed south elevation fencing meets the City of Gainesville's Historic Preservation Rehabilitation and Design Guidelines for fencing because it does not extend in to the front yard beyond the front wall of the house, it is proposed to be made of wood, and it would be no greater than six feet in height. The chain link portion of the installed fencing is not highly visible from the public right-of-way.

Staff recommends approval of the application.