



Legislation Text

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Install pool, masonry wall, and fencing in front and side yard of a single-family dwelling (B)

Petition HP-21-39. Jay Reeves, agent for Oscar Sanchez & Lida Rodriguez-Taseff, owners. Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of a pool, a masonry wall and a fence for a single-family dwelling. Located at 1021 NE 4th Street. This building is a contributing structure to the Northeast Residential Historic District.

Project Description

The applicant is proposing a new in-ground swimming pool at the north side yard behind a front wall. A new 5 foot tall masonry block wall with smooth stucco and a 48 inch wood gate and a brick cap with five 16 inch by 16 inch brick topped columns at 5 feet 8 inches, to run for a distance of 64 linear feet and to be located flush with the front wall of the house and at the west elevation in front of the proposed pool. A new 6 foot tall wooden stockade fence is to be installed to match the existing fence at the north property line for a distance of 25 feet to connect with the proposed new wall.

The proposed five foot tall masonry wall in the front yard of the property is taller than the height that can be approved by staff and therefore requires approval of the Historic Preservation Board (HPB). In addition, the pool location requires approval of the HPB since it will be sited in front of the rear wall line of the principal building. Swimming pools should be located at the rear of a structure and not be visible from the front of the property. The only other statement about pools is about the pool enclosure to be set to the rear of the house, that it does not obscure significant features of the building, and is subordinate to the primary building. However these provisions are not applicable as there is no pool enclosure proposed with this application. Although the pool is proposed to be placed in the side yard of the house, the proposed wall will effectively screen the view of the pool from the front.

Both wall and fence are to be built in the field and are not pre-fabricated constructions. The wall is to have brick topped columns to provide vertical accent elements, and a wood gate will tie in to the existing wooden fencing on the property in terms of material. The 25 foot section of new wooden fencing will match and tie in to the existing fencing on the north property line and is in compliance with the City of Gainesville's Historic Preservation Rehabilitation and Design Guidelines for fencing because it is in the side and rear yard and 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.

Staff recommends approval of the application.