



CITY OF SAVANNAH

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Petitioner: JDH Fencing, Paige Henderson

MPC File No.: 26-004142-COA

Address: 415 Maupas Avenue

PIN: 20075 15008

Zoning: TN-2

Staff Reviewer: Rohan Urs

Date: August 26, 2026

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The petitioner is requesting approval to install approximately 69 linear feet of six-foot-tall wood privacy fencing at 415 Maupas Avenue within the Streetcar Historic District.

The proposed fence will be constructed of Southern Pine using dog-eared pickets in a board-on-board configuration. The proposal also includes a six-foot-tall by 20-foot-wide cantilever gate integrated into the fence system.

The submitted site plan indicates that the proposed fencing is located along the side and rear portions of the property and does not extend into the front yard area in front of the principal building.

CONTEXT/SURROUNDING AREA:

The subject property is located within the Streetcar Historic District. The proposed fence is located primarily along the Price Street side and rear portions of the lot.

The submitted photographs show an existing residential setting with wood privacy fencing already present within the side and rear yard areas. The proposed work continues this general type of enclosure using wood fencing compatible with the residential character of the property.

FINDINGS:

The following standards from the Sec 7.11 - Streetcar Historic District Ordinance apply:

***Visual Compatibility Criteria.** To maintain the special character of the Streetcar Historic District as identified in the architectural survey and visual analysis, new construction and any material change in appearance shall be consistent with the standards, criteria and guidelines developed for the district. The applicable criteria below shall be used to assess new construction and material changes. These criteria shall not be the basis for appeal to*

any board, commission or administrator described in this Ordinance, or to the Mayor and Aldermen.

Scale. *The overall scale and the scale of individual components of the proposed building or structure shall be visually compatible to the contributing buildings and structures to which it is visually related.*

The proposed fence is six feet in height and is located along the side and rear portions of the property. Its height and overall configuration are consistent with the function of a residential privacy fence and remain subordinate to the principal building.

The fence does not extend across the front yard or obscure the principal façade of the residence.

Standard met.

Materials. *The relationship of materials and textures of the proposed building or structure shall be visually compatible with the contributing buildings and structures to which it is visually related.*

The proposed fence is constructed of Southern Pine with dog-eared pickets in a board-on-board configuration. Wood is a traditional residential fencing material and is compatible with the material character of the property and surrounding historic district.

Standard met.

Streetcar Historic District Design Standards.

New Construction, Additions, and Alterations. The intent of these standards is to ensure appropriate new construction, additions, and alterations within the Streetcar Historic District. They are not intended to promote copies of the architectural designs of the past, but to encourage contemporary designs that protect and complement existing contributing resources. They are further intended to protect the historic integrity of the contributing resource.

The following design standards shall apply to new construction, additions, alterations to contributing and non-contributing resources, and site alterations, unless otherwise specified. Though certain building materials are prescribed below, the Historic Preservation Commission may approve alternative materials that are not listed as prohibited upon a showing by the applicant that the material or product is visually compatible with historic building materials and has performed satisfactorily in the local climate.

Fencing and Walls. *The intent of these standards is to ensure that walls and fences define outdoor spaces appropriately, separate private and public realms and add architectural interest to a building's façade. In addition to compliance with the requirements set forth in Sec. 9.6, Fences and Walls, fences and walls shall also comply with the following standards:*

Fencing and Walls, Permitted Materials. *Wood, iron, brick, true stucco over concrete block, smooth fiber cement, and extruded aluminum.*

Chain link may be permitted in the rear yard but not along any street. Plastic or metal slats use in chain link shall not be permitted.

The proposed Southern Pine fence is constructed of a permitted material and maintains a residential character compatible with the property and district.

Standard met.

Fencing and Walls, Configuration.

Fences or walls no more than 36 inches in height may be installed within the front yard.

Fences or walls no more than eight (8) feet in height may be installed within the side or rear yards behind the front façade of the building.

A minimum of five (5) feet must be provided between a fence and a building where they are parallel.

The proposed fence is six feet in height. The submitted site plan shows the fence located along the side and rear portions of the property, behind the front façade of the principal building. No portion of the proposed six-foot fence is shown extending across the front yard or in front of the principal entrance.

The proposed height is therefore within the eight-foot maximum permitted for fencing located within side and rear yards behind the front façade.

The submitted layout also indicates adequate separation between the proposed fence and the principal building where the fence runs parallel to the structure.

The proposed 20-foot cantilever gate is integrated into the same six-foot wood privacy fence system and maintains the same material and overall visual character.

Standards met.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the fence on the property located at 415 Maupas Avenue as requested, as the proposal is visually compatible and meets the applicable standards.

MW: CC: RU

Note: This recommendation could change subject to new information provided at the Historic Preservation Commission meetings. Final decisions will be made by the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing based on information provided at the meeting, as well as information submitted for the staff recommendation.