

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
October 24, 2017, Meeting**

1. **COA-024581-2017** (R. Allison)

**604 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Jackson Ward Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:**

**Construct wood fence with brick  
piers around the rear yard.**

**Staff Contact:**

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The applicant requests approval to enclose the rear yard with a wood fence with brick piers at this brick dwelling in the Jackson Ward Old and Historic District. The proposed fence has a total height of 8 feet, with wood fence panels at 6.5 feet tall between the 16”x16” brick piers. The design is similar to a fence on the opposite block face. The fence will extend 46’ from the rear of the structure, and will have a metal overhead roll gate for access at the rear.

**Staff recommends approval of the project with conditions.** The *Guidelines* state that new fences should be constructed using materials and designs appropriate to the district and rear yard fences should mimic traditional fence designs (pg.76, #4, #7). A fence of a similar design is found across the street from the building.



100 East Clay Street

Staff has some concerns that the proposed overhead roll gate is not a gate type typically found in the Jackson Ward Old and Historic District. However, no details of the proposed gate were provided. Staff recommends the design of the proposed gate be a simple wood gate rather than the metal gate proposed, the design to be administratively reviewed by staff. In addition, the site plan indicates that a shed will be installed in the rear yard. As details of the proposed shed have not been provided, staff recommends a separate application for the shed be submitted for Commission review.

It is the assessment of staff that, with the conditions noted above, the application is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation and New Construction outlined in Sections 30-930.7(b) and (c) of the City Code, as well as with the *Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines*, specifically the page cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.