



# COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

CoA-055382-2019

### PROPERTY (location of work)

Address 531 N 21st Street  
Historic district Church Hill

Date/time rec'd	
Rec'd by:	<u>BY</u>
Application #:	<u>MAY 31 2019</u>
Hearing date:	

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name William F Frame  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address 3 Cappa Ct  
Hockessin Delaware 19707

Phone 484-459-7836  
Email Wfframe@outlook.com  
Applicant Type:  Owner  Agent  
 Lessee  Architect  Contractor  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### OWNER INFORMATION (if different from above)

Name Same  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Review Type:  Conceptual Review  Final Review  Fence  
Project Type:  Alteration  Demolition  New Construction  
(Conceptual Review Required)

Project Description: (attach additional sheets if needed)

See Attached

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

**Compliance:** If granted, you agree to comply with all conditions of the COA. Revisions to approved work require staff review and may require a new application and CAR approval. Failure to comply with the COA may result in project delays or legal action. The COA is valid for one (1) year and may be extended for an additional year, upon written request.

**Requirements:** A complete application includes all applicable information requested on checklists to provide a complete and accurate description of existing and proposed conditions. Preliminary review meeting or site visit with staff may be necessary to process the application. Owner contact information and signature is required. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Zoning Requirements:** Prior to CAR review, it is the responsibility of the applicant to determine if zoning approval is required and application materials should be prepared in compliance with zoning.

Signature of Owner William F Frame

Date 5-29-2019

I purchased this property in June of 2017 it is important to understand this is not a historic building, it has aluminum siding, replacement windows and a chain link fence that was in terrible condition on the side and back yard.

I hired Hurricane Fence Company to replace the fence, I relied on their reputation and assertion that they we experienced in Church Hill. Their Documents clearly say no permit required. They installed a picket fence on the roadside, and privacy fence in the back corners of the yard. The fence was installed on 5/3 and I was issued a violation for not having a COA on 5/7. I was not aware a COA was necessary for a fence replacement.

It is my understanding that fences are generally approved at the administrative level, unfortunately I am now being told since the material the fence is made of is vinyl and for that reason it cannot be approved administratively only the commission can make an exception and approve it. I respectfully request the commission to provide an exception for the use of vinyl and the necessary CAR approval and remove this violation. Please note; there are many examples of vinyl being used as a building material in historic district including vinyl windows, porch railing, and fences, I have included pictures of several examples.

I am sorry I did not request this before the work was complete, I did not understand it was required for a fence, and I relied on a fence contractor who claimed to know the area well and they offered me only vinyl. The fence they installed is more expensive than wood I certainly would not have selected it if I knew it would cause a violation. I would point out that in the old city historic guidelines fences are not called out in the table of contents or the architectural review chart. There is only one page in this 155-page document that discusses fences and that page clearly prohibits chain link fences which was there when I bought the house, looked terrible and has now been removed.

I made a mistake relying on a local contractor for guidance, I don't feel the commissions documentation is clear enough for new residents that the approval requirement extends beyond the house to items like a fence. If I had understood this, I certainly would have requested the COA prior to buying a \$4200 fence.

The result of this error is the removal of a prohibited fence that was in disrepair and an eye sore replacing it with a new picket and privacy fence both styles of fence are consistent with the guidelines, that look great and clearly enhance the street they are on. Unfortunately, they are made from the of vinyl, which is why I need an exception and for the commission to approve this fence. The cost to replace this fence with wood is \$3,942.00 after spending \$4200 on the vinyl fence, I am not in a position where I can afford to replace it. Like you I want to see Church Hill rehabilitated, this is why I replaced the chain link fence I hope you agree it improves the neighborhood and allow me to keep it.

**I am attaching the following exhibits:**

Exhibit 1 – Photo's of my house and the new fence with the new fence and Photos of the old fence

Exhibit 2 - Contract with Hurricane Fence Company, note no permit required.

Exhibit 3 - Proposal to remove the NEW fence and replace with the same fence manufactures in Wood

Exhibit 4 – Photo's showing the use of vinyl including vinyl fences in the historic district

Exhibit 1



# RESIDENTIAL SALES AGREEMENT

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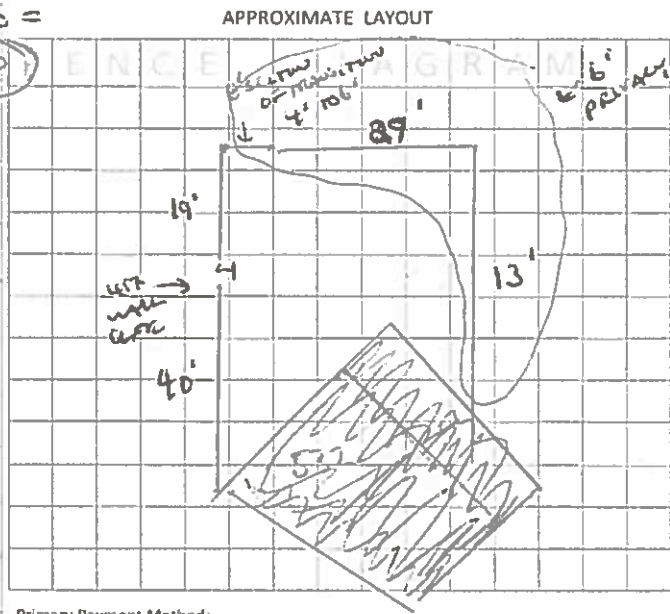


Class A Contractor  
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Customer's Last Name, First Name: FRAME, WILLIAM  
 Service Address: 532 N 21<sup>ST</sup> ST  
 City: RICHMOND State: VA Zip: 23223  
 Date: 4 / 4 / 19  
 Customer's Daytime Phone No.: 484-459-7836  
 Customer's Evening Phone No.: ENTIRE YARD  
 Customer's E-Mail Address: WFFrame@outlook.com  
 Nearest Cross Street: E BROAD ST / VENABLE ST

Miss Utility Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PERMIT/INSPECTION INFORMATION  
 Permit required?  Yes  No (Homeowner to obtain permit)  Installation professional to obtain permit  Plot plan or survey available?  Yes  No

Selection	Price
APPROXIMATE LAYOUT	\$ 3900+300 = <u>4200</u>
ADDITIONAL COST OPTIONS ADD THE PRICES IN THIS COLUMN TO THE SELECTION	
TAKE DOWN AND HAUL AWAY OLD FENCE	\$ 300
100' OF 42" CHAIN	
4' PRIMOSIE	
1-4FT WAVE GATE	
SUB TOTAL	<u>4200</u>
DEPOSIT	\$ 2100
BALANCE DUE (UPON COMPLETION)	\$ 2100



FENCE INSTALLATION RELATED TO GRADE: PLEASE INITIAL ONE

PLEASING TO THE EYE

FOLLOWING FLOW

STEPPED INSTALLATION

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us to use and transmit from your check to make a electronic fund transfer from your account on 15 process if a payment as a bank transaction. Where we use information from your check to make an electronic fund transfer, funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as payment is received, and you will not receive your check back. If you are paying by Credit Card, you authorize us to charge your card on the Contract for the work. Do not pay before job starts as well as final Payment upon completion. If you plan to use a different method of payment for your bill, we must be notified before project completion.

Primary Payment Method: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorization #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 It is very important to read the Terms and Conditions included on the reverse side of this page. By signing this proposal and providing a deposit you are creating a Contract between the parties for the selected products and you agree to the Terms and Conditions on the reverse side of this page.

2-3 WEEKS Approximate Installation Lead Time  
 Customer Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/4/19  
 Hurricane Fence Representative Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/4/19

Product: <u>6' WHITE VINYL DOBWOOD</u>	Style: <u>DOBWOOD</u>	Height: <u>6'</u>
Footage: <u>50</u>	Picket Size:	
Color: <u>WHITE</u>	Space: <u>NOVE</u>	
Post Size: <u>5x5</u>	Cut Top: <u>-</u>	
Post Cap: <u>STND</u>	Rails Qty: <u>2</u>	
No. Gates:	Gate Post Size: <u>5x5</u>	
Gate Post Top: <u>STND</u>		
Frame: _____	Face: _____	

Product: <u>4' WHITE PRIMOSIE STRAIGHT</u>	Style: <u>PRIMOSIE STRAIGHT</u>	Height: <u>4'</u>
Footage: <u>63/59</u>	Picket Size:	
Color: <u>WHITE</u>	Space: <u>2"</u>	
Post Size: <u>5x5</u>	Cut Top: <u>ST</u>	
Post Cap: <u>STND</u>	Rails Qty: <u>2</u>	
No. Gates: <u>1-4FT</u>	Gate Post Size: <u>6x5</u>	
Gate Post Top: <u>STND</u>		
Frame: _____	Face: _____	

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**From:** Ronnie Etter <REtter@hurricanefenceinc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** wfframe@outlook.com  
**Subject:** 531 N 21st street violation

Bill,

Here are the new proposals for both options that you have asked for:

1. \$3,942 for the 6' face and cap. That includes all 6x6 post with the mahogany NE post caps. We will use 1x6x6 pickets with the 1x4 face board and bottom board. The 4' section will be a special cut French gothic picket, they will all be 1x4x4's. That will have flat post that will be 4x4x6's.
2. \$1,922 for just the 4' special cut French gothic, pickets will be 1x4x4's and the post will be 4x4x6's.

Please keep me informed of what we need to do and let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thanks,

**RONNIE ETTER**  
Residential Project Manager

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Old Fence







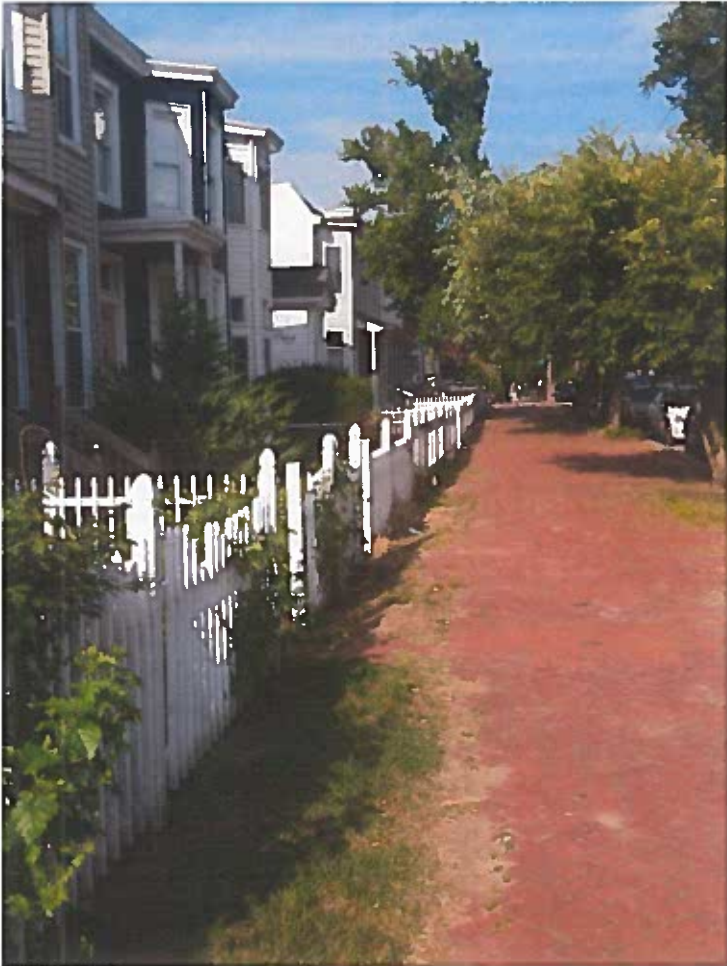
Front and Side views of my house  
With the new fence



# The Alamo has Vinyl Fencing !







Half the block is vinyl





Vinyl front and side yards

Vinyl Lath



## Front Yard Vinyl



New renovation – vinyl windows  
Vinyl railing