



Staff Report
City of Richmond, Virginia



Commission of Architectural Review

10. COA-107857-2022	Final Review	Meeting Date: 3/22/2022
Applicant/Petitioner	Jay Petersen	
Project Description	Install a 3 foot iron fence in a front yard.	
Project Location		
Address: 1826 Monument Ave.		
Historic District: Monument Avenue		
High-Level Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant proposes to install a 3-foot, black iron fence in a front yard of a ca. 1907 Colonial Revival house on Monument Avenue. The proposed fence is to be a standard 2-line fence with vertical pickets and square post with ball cap and double gate. 		
Staff Recommendation	Approval, with Conditions	
Staff Contact	Emily Routman, Emily.routman@rva.gov	
Previous Reviews	None	
Conditions for Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fence adhere to the zoning ordinance. 	

Staff Analysis

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
Site Improvements: Landscaping, Pg. 77	<i>12. When considering the design of new fences, remember that some districts, such as Church Hill, historically featured some modest brick terraced areas in front yards, while some other districts, such as Monument Avenue and West Grace Street, historically did not.</i>	The applicant proposes to install a 3-foot iron fence in the front yard of a house on Monument Avenue. Although most of Monument Avenue did not historically have front fences, there is precedent for Commission approval of the installation of an iron fence on this block. Therefore, staff

		recommends <u>approval with the condition that the fence adhere to zoning.</u>
<p>Site Improvements, Fences & Walls, pg. 82</p>	<p><i>3. If not original to a site, new street-front fences, walls, and gates should be compatible with the historic structure in design, materials, and location, and should be based on physical or documentary evidence from the site. In instances where physical or documentary evidence does not exist, the proposed fence, wall, or gate should be compatible in design, materials, and location, and should look to precedent on the block face or the block face opposite, or within the district, but not outside the district. By following this guidance, in some circumstances, permission for new fences, walls, or gates may be granted.</i></p> <p><i>5. When considering the design of new fences, remember that some districts, such as Church Hill North and Union Hill, historically featured modest wooden picket fences, while some districts, such as Monument Avenue and West Grace Street, more rarely had fences, and when they did occur, were rarely wooden picket fences. In the event of a conjectural fence, the design should seek simplicity, rather than elaboration.</i></p> <p><i>6. A new fence or wall should be constructed using materials and designs appropriate to the District. Height restrictions are governed by the Zoning Ordinance.</i></p> <p><i>7. Fences in Old and Historic Districts located along main thoroughfares shall be painted or opaquely stained a color or colors complementary to the main structure.</i></p>	<p>The applicant proposes to install a 3-foot iron fence in the front yard of a house on Monument Avenue. Staff finds that the design of the proposed fence is compatible in design & material with other front fences found on the 1800 block of Monument. The proposed color & design is simple and complements the design of the front stair railing at the property.</p>

Figures



Figure 1. Façade photo

Figure 2.



Figure 3. Iron fence at 1812 Monument, approved unanimously by CAR in 2001



Figure 4. Pre-district front yard iron fence at 1800 Monument (Valentine archives)

