



## Commission of Architectural Review

1. COA-175494-2025	Final Review	Meeting Date: 11/25/2025
Applicant/Petitioner	Waite Rawls	
Project Description	Replace rear deteriorated wooden fence with 4-foot brick wall	
Project Location		
Address: 2215 E Broad Street		
Historic District: St. John's Church		
<p>High-Level Details:</p> <p>The applicant proposes to remove a deteriorated rear wooden fence and replace it with a new 4-foot brick wall.</p> <p>The design of the brick wall will match a non-original brick wall in the rear yard that was previously approved by the CAR.</p>		
Staff Recommendation	Approval, with Conditions	
Staff Contact	Alex Dandridge, Alex.Dandridge@RVA.gov, (804)646-6569	
Previous Reviews	None.	
Staff Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of the removal of the rear fence and the installation of the new brick wall.</li> <li>Final design of the wooden gate be submitted to staff for review and approval in a subsequent COA application.</li> </ul>	

## Staff Analysis

Guideline Reference	Reference Text	Analysis
<b>Site Improvements, Fence &amp; Walls, pg. 51</b>	<p><i>1. Fence, wall, and gate designs should reflect the scale of the historic structures they surround, as well as the character of nearby fences, walls, and gates.</i></p> <p><i>2. Fence, wall, or gate materials should relate to building materials commonly found in the neighborhood.</i></p>	<p>The applicant proposes to remove a rear wooden privacy fence and install a new four-foot brick wall with a “cross gap” pattern.</p> <p>The new brick wall will be in the same location and extent of the existing wooden privacy fence and will match the design of an existing brick wall.</p> <p>The existing brick wall is not original to the site. The application states that this brick wall was approved by the CAR 15 or so years ago.</p> <p>The wall will be constructed of brick, which is a common construction material within the district.</p> <p>The applicant also proposes to construct a wooden gate once the wall is complete.</p> <p><u>Staff recommends approval of the removal of the rear fence and the installation of the new brick wall.</u></p> <p><u>Staff recommends that the final design of the wooden gate be submitted to staff for review and approval in a subsequent COA application.</u></p>

*It is the assessment of staff that, with the conditions above, the application is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation and New Construction outlined in Section 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 pages cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.*

# Figures



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3: Existing brick fence