

Fences and Walls

The fences in the Historic District vary from one architectural style to another. Most fences are of the painted wooden variety. In other cases, where brick or stone was used on the building, brick or stone walls were commonly used. There are also some examples of original wrought iron fences. Older buildings whose ground levels were constructed of rusticated masonry (cast concrete imitating stonework) were also common within the district, and this same rusticated masonry was repeated in pillars and portions of fences and retaining walls.

It is important to maintain the original historic fences and walls where possible. When a fence or wall remains from Hyde Park period of historic significance, the fence or wall shall be restored using original materials and original construction techniques. Where new fences are introduced, do not use materials that are incompatible with the style, texture, or exterior materials of the buildings on the site. Unpainted wood fences or chain-link are not permitted within the district.

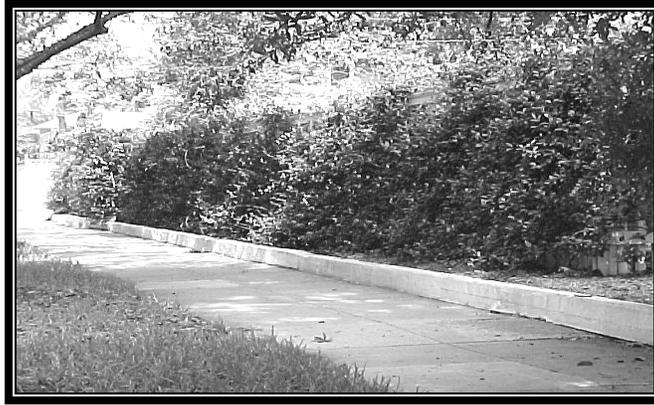


Unpainted Wood Fencing is inappropriate.

Ornamental iron fences may be appropriate where compatible with the style of the building. In some cases, where certain fencing materials are predominant along the street on adjacent properties, this type of fencing can be used. In these cases, or where questions arise, advice from the staff of the A.R.C. should be sought.

Fence height should conform to the City of Tampa Zoning Code. Fences or walls along the primary façade should fall behind the building setback line. Some of the fence designs suitable for use within the district are depicted here.

Within commercial zones of the Historic District, alternative fence materials may be acceptable providing that these types of fences cannot be seen from the public right-of-way, such as along rear lot-lines. Again, advice from the staff of the A.R.C. should be sought when an exception to these guidelines is contemplated.



Appropriate Side Yard Fence

Vines help modern wood fence blend with the character of the neighborhood.

A modification, replacement or addition of a fence or wall will require a Certificate of Appropriateness prior to the commencement of the construction. The Administrator of the A.R.C. shall review the application for compliance with the design guidelines. If the application is deemed by the Administrator to contain minor modifications, repairs or appropriate replacements, the Administrator may issue the Certificate of Appropriateness. If the application includes work other than minor modifications, repairs or appropriate replacements, the A.R.C. shall review the application at the regular A.R.C. public hearing for a decision on the Certificate of Appropriateness.



Inappropriate Front Yard Fence

It is Permissible to...

Maintain existing original fences and walls.

Design new fences and walls which will be compatible with historic fences and walls in the Hyde Park Historic District in scale, height, material, color and texture.

Design new fences and walls which will be compatible with the style or period of building to which they are being added.

Paint or stain wood fences to increase their longevity and improve their compatibility to the historic building stock.

It is Not Permissible to...

Remove existing original fences or walls that are in good condition.

Use materials which are uncharacteristic of the Historic District, for example, unpainted wood fences or chain link fences.

Design new fences or walls which are incompatible with the scale and height of other fences and walls in the Historic District.

Locate fences in the front yard setback or front building line of an existing structure.

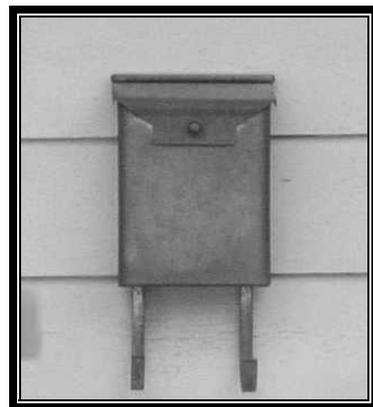
Street Lights

Early street lights in the Hyde Park Historic District can be found south of Swann Avenue and east of Rome Avenue. These street lights have an iron post topped with an illuminated globe. Use street lights similar to these early examples when new street lighting is planned within the Historic District. This type of street lighting will maintain continuity within the district both in the evening and during daylight hours.

A Certificate of Appropriateness must be applied for from the A.R.C. for any additions, modifications or removal of street lighting. A Certificate of Appropriateness may be issued by the Administrator of the A.R.C. after staff review of the item.



Typical Style Street Light



Typical Mail Box

It is Permissible to...

Maintain original or early street lights within the Historic District.

Add street lights of similar proportion and design for use in the District.

It is Not Permissible to...

Remove existing original or early street lights.

Add standard pole-mounted street lighting.

Add street lights which are overly decorative and are not in keeping with the character of Hyde Park.