

OLD KING'S HIGHWAY HISTORIC DISTRICT

FENCES

The Old King's Highway Committee prefers wooden fences over other materials. In just a few individual cases, other materials have been approved (e.g., a metal pool fence well back on a secluded lot where the fence could not be seen from a public way or by neighbors). If proposing a material other than wood, please be prepared to explain why the alternative is necessary.

ALL new or altered fences require OKH approval regardless of height or material. Vinyl fences, regardless of height, are NOT allowed in the OKH District.

There are two types of fence applications:

1. Application for a Certificate of Exemption (to be reviewed by OKH Chairman):

For wooden fences **4 feet or less in height**, if appropriate for the site & the associated structure(s) and if constructed in the following styles:

- Split, half-round, or round post and rail in natural (unpainted) finish
- Square rail in white or natural (unpainted) finish
- Vertical picket in white finish or natural (unpainted) finish
- Vertical flat board with cap rail 4-6 inches wide in white or natural (unpainted) finish.
- Finished side of fence must face out from fenced in area.

Application Requirements:

- ___ 1 copy: Certificate of Exemption Application
- ___ 2 copies: Site/Plot Plan showing running footage and location of fence/gates in relation to other structures on the property.
- ___ 2 copies: Drawing, brochure, or photo showing style of proposed fence & gates.
- ___ 1 set: Color Photos (Front of house & location of proposed work)
- ___ \$20 application fee

2. Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (to be presented at an OKH Committee meeting):

For wooden fences **over 4 feet and up to 6 feet tall OR for fences made of any material other than wood**. Must be appropriate for the site and associated structure(s).

- Height limit for fences is 6 feet. Taller fences will be considered in special instances where the topography of the lot makes them necessary.
- Location of fencing over 4 feet high is not approved forward of front fascia of building.
- Finished side of fence must face out from fenced in area.
- Chain link fences are not usually considered appropriate.

Application Requirements:

- ___ 1 copy: Certificate of Appropriateness Application
- ___ 4 copies: General specification sheet (listing the fence type, height and materials)
- ___ 1 Abutters list (Map and Lot numbers of direct and across the street abutting parcels)
- ___ 4 copies: Site/Plot Plan showing running footage and location of fence/gates in relation to other structures on the property.
- ___ 4 copies: Drawing, brochure, or photo showing style of proposed fence & gates.
- ___ 4 copies: Color Photos (Front of house & location of proposed work)
- ___ \$25 application fee