

Old King's Highway Historic District

FENCES

Criteria:

- All new or altered fences require approval regardless of height or material
- Vinyl fences, regardless of height, are prohibited in the OKH district
- Chain link fences usually are not considered appropriate
- Wooden fences are preferred
- In limited cases other materials have been approved (i.e., a metal pool fence well back on a secluded lot where the fence could not be seen from a public way)
- If proposing a material other than wood, be prepared to explain why an alternative is necessary
- Height limit for fences is 6 feet. Taller fences will be considered in special circumstances when the topography of the lot makes them necessary
- Fencing over 4 feet high is prohibited forward of the front fascia of a building

Application Requirements:

1. The request qualifies for a **Certificate of Exemption** if the proposed fence is wooden and four feet or less in height, is appropriate to the site and associated structure(s), and if constructed in one of 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 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

Certificate of Exemption requirements:

- Certificate of Exemption application
- Site/plot plan showing running footage and location of fence and gates in relation to other structures on the property
- Drawing, brochure, or photos showing the style of proposed fence and gates
- Color photos of front of house and location of the proposed fence
- \$20.00 application/filing fee
- Certificates of Exemption are reviewed by the Old King's Highway Committee Chair

2. The request requires a **Certificate of Appropriateness** for the following criteria:

- Wooden fences over 4 feet and up to 6 feet high
- Fences made of any material other than wood
- Finished side of fence must face out from fenced-in area

Certificate of Appropriateness requirements:

- Certificate of Appropriateness application
- Four copies of the general specification sheet (listing the fence type, height, and materials)
- Four copies of the site/plot plan showing running footage and location of the fence and gates in relation to other structures on the property
- Four copies of drawings, brochures, or photos showing the style of the proposed fence and gates
- Four copies of color photos (front of house and location of proposed fence)
- \$25.00 application/filing fee
- Certificates of Appropriateness are reviewed at an Old King's Highway Committee hearing