

FENCING

GUIDELINES – Fencing:

1. Fencing should match the style and setting of the property.
2. Applicants with scopes of work affecting fences (and walls) along property lines should demonstrate ownership with a property survey dated within the last 5 years by a Massachusetts registered surveyor.
3. Fencing should be composed of natural materials except where iron fencing exists
4. Fence heights cannot exceed 6' from the ground (per town bylaws), and on the street fences should be no taller than 42" from the ground. Town bylaws also require fencing to graduate the fence height as a 6' fence approaches the street from between properties.

Below are examples of fence styles which have, in the past, been approved for use in the historic districts:



Plank or Flatboard - with or without cap and post crowns



Picket



Capped Picket



Baluster

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Below are examples of styles that are generally NOT historically appropriate:



Shadow Box



Diamond Lattice



Lattice-capped



Rail or Post & Rail



Louver (horizontal boards)



Board on Board (shadow or box, but touching)

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Split Rail