

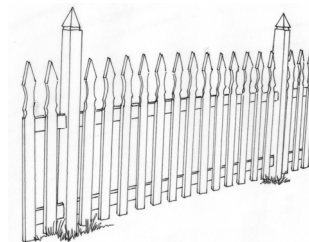
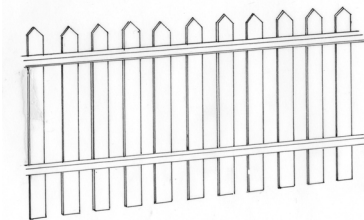
11. FENCES

Wood fences were widely used in Barrington to separate lots and outline yards. Cast iron, brick, stone and wire fences were also used. The construction of new fences based upon historic designs and materials is appropriate. Within the District fences are typically used at side or rear yards rather than front yards.

- A. of cast iron may be added to buildings constructed in the late 19th and early 20th century. Cast iron fences are not appropriate for Craftsman style dwellings or for other designs built after 1920.
- B. should be discouraged in front yards.
- C. of wood pickets are fine and should generally follow property lines, and be painted or stained light, pale white or beige tones. Wood fences should have pickets no wider than four inches and set no farther apart than three inches.
- D. of wood boards for privacy should be located in rear yards and generally be no taller than six feet (most pre-fabricated wood fence sections are 8' wide by 6' high). Privacy fences of this height should be setback a minimum of five (5) feet from the front face of the house. Privacy fences of flat boards in a single row are preferred to shadowbox (alternating boards) designs. Fences with flat tops, "dog ear" or Gothic (pointed tops) designs are all acceptable. "Stockade" designs are discouraged. Fences should be stained or painted to blend with the dwelling or building.
- E. of split or horizontal rails, and of railroad ties or timbers, whether freestanding or as retaining walls, are not appropriate for front yards.
- F. Appropriate fencing materials include: wood, wrought iron and wrought iron style aluminum fence that mimics appropriate wrought iron design, dimensions, profile and texture with powder coating.

FENCES: Illustrations

Appropriate Picket Fences



12. FIRE ESCAPES

Multi-story buildings used for commercial and/or rental residential uses often require fire escapes to meet fire and safety codes. Fire escapes, whether incorporated within the walls of the building or attached to exterior walls, should be sited at the rear or sides of buildings which are not visible from the street. Fire escapes may only be added when required by building code or when no other means of upper floor access is feasible.