

Docket Item #17  
BAR CASE #2005-0066

BAR Meeting  
April 20, 2005

**ISSUE:** Alterations  
**APPLICANT:** Richard Park  
**LOCATION:** 714 Queen Street  
**ZONE:** RC/Residential

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends deferral of the application for restudy.

**I. ISSUE:**

The applicant is requesting approval of an after-the-fact Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a brick enclosed gas barbeque grill. It is installed on the east side of the house directly adjacent to the structure at the south end of the walkway beside the house. The brick gas grill enclosure measures 36" in height, 54" wide and 30" deep.

**II. HISTORY:**

714 Queen Street is a two story three bay brick residential rowhouse. It is one of three identical rowhouses constructed between 1891 and 1896.

The Board approved alterations to the building in 2000 (BAR Case #2000-0234, 10/4/00).

**III. ANALYSIS:**

The proposed fireplace complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objections to the design of the brick barbeque enclosure. However, Staff notes the comments of Code Enforcement that the barbeque represents a fire hazard and the strong recommendation that it be "relocated to an area that does not present a hazard to the existing or adjacent properties." Based on this recommendation, Staff recommends that the barbeque be removed and relocated to a more suitable location on the property.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Therefore, Staff recommends deferral of the application for restudy.

## CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

### Code Enforcement:

F-1 The existing barbeque grill is installed under an existing window opening. While there is no specific code section which would prohibit the installation of this structure in this location, it is, in the opinion of Code Enforcement, a fire hazard. Although the brick and glass window meet the definition of non-combustible, the glazing of the window, when subjected to prolonged heat from the grill will crack and break providing an avenue for fire to spread into the dwelling. Because of this condition, it is strongly recommended that the structure be removed from its present location and relocated to an area that does not present a hazard to the existing or adjacent properties.

### Historic Alexandria: