

Docket Item # 4
BAR CASE #2012-0230

BAR Meeting
July 25, 2012

ISSUE: Certificate of Appropriateness – Fence Installation

APPLICANT: Dina Shaher

LOCATION: 513 South Royal Street

ZONE: RM / Residential Zone

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness with the condition that the applicant work with staff on the final details of the fence's design.

*EXPIRATION OF APPROVALS NOTE: In accordance with Sections 10-106(B) and 10-206(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, any official Board of Architectural Review approval will expire 12 months from the date of issuance if the work is not commenced and diligently and substantially pursued by the end of that 12-month period.

**BUILDING PERMIT NOTE: Most projects approved by the Board of Architectural Review require the issuance of one or more construction permits by Building and Fire Code Administration (including signs). The applicant is responsible for obtaining all necessary construction permits after receiving Board of Architectural Review approval. Contact Code Administration, Room 4200, City Hall, 703-838-4360 for further information.



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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new, 3' – 3" high, black iron fence to enclose the front yard at 513 South Royal Street. A portion of the new fence will be mounted on top of an existing 9" high brick planter currently located within the front yard. The new fence will be visible from South Royal Street.

II. HISTORY

The three-story, brick veneer townhouse is one of a group of ten houses built on the site of the old Alexandria Ironworks in 1964. The houses are in two groups of five. The house at 513 South Royal Street is a mid-block townhouse.

Previous Approvals

The Board approved applications for a Permit to Demolish and a Certificate of Appropriateness for an addition (BAR Case #2004-0262, 12/15/04; BAR Case #2005-0033, 3/16/05; and, BAR Case #2006-0018, 2/15/06). The addition was never constructed.

The Board approved a bay window on the rear elevation in 2006 (BAR Case #2006-0245, 11/15/06).

III. ANALYSIS

The *Design Guidelines* recommend that: "Fences, garden walls and gates should be appropriate in materials, design and scale to the period and character of the structure they surround." The *Guidelines* also state that "...Metal is a traditional material for fences and gates."

When originally constructed, these homes did not have fences enclosing the front yards. However, as illustrated by the neighboring fence at 507 South Royal (shown in photos below), an open fence approximately three feet high enclosing the front yard is consistent with other fences within the district and does not negatively impact the district as a whole.



Existing Conditions – 513 and 507 South Royal Street

The applicant originally proposed to frame the iron fence with masonry piers but the cost was prohibitive. Staff supports the black iron fence design. However, Staff recommends, in lieu of the masonry piers, that steel fence posts approximately 4” square with finials be added to the fence in the approximate locations shown below, to integrate visually anchor the iron fence to the existing brick planting bed.



Location of Staff Proposed Iron Posts with Finials

Staff finds that the proposed fence, as amended, is appropriate and recommends that the Board approve the design and location of the fence with the condition that the final design details are to be reviewed and approved by BAR staff.

This fence application did not meet the criteria for administrative approval under the Board’s adopted policy for fencing, as the proposed fence faces a public street.

IV. STAFF

Michele Oaks, Historic Preservation Planner, Planning & Zoning
Al Cox, FAIA, Historic Preservation Manager, Planning & Zoning

V. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Zoning Section:

C-1 Proposed 36" high iron fence and gate comply with zoning. Fence must be located on subject property.

Code Administration:

No comments received.

Transportation and Environmental Services (T & ES): No comments received

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. Applicant shall be responsible for repairs to the adjacent city right-of-way if damaged during construction activity. (T&ES)
- R3. All improvements to the city right-of-way such as curbing, sidewalk, driveway aprons, etc. must be city standard design and must be included on the required Grading Plan. (T&ES)
- R4. No permanent structure may be constructed over any existing private and/or public utility easements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify any and all existing easements on all plans submitted for approvals. (T&ES)
- R5. Location of the new fence shall be within the property line. No placement of fencing is supported by T&ES within the public right of way without an approved Encroachment. (T&ES)

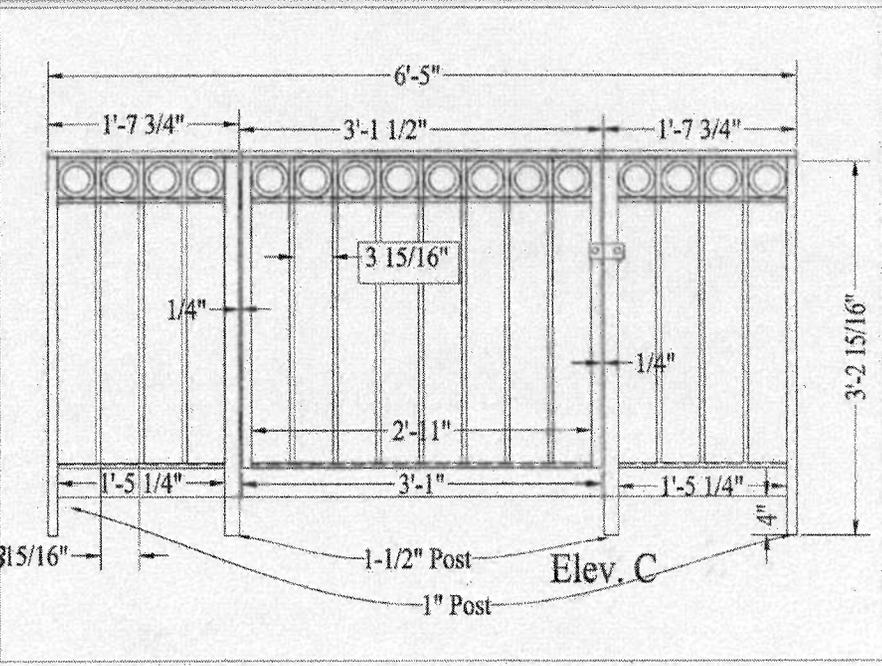
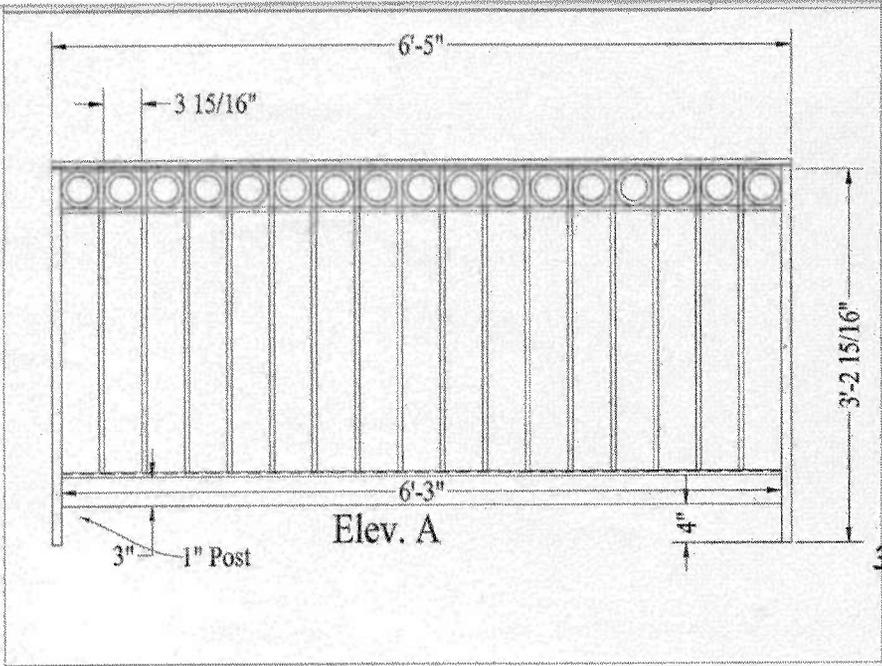
CITY CODE REQUIREMENTS

- C-1 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Solid Waste Control, Title 5, Chapter 1, which sets forth the requirements for the recycling of materials (Sec. 5-1-99). (T&ES)
- C-2 The applicant shall comply with the City of Alexandria's Noise Control Code, Title 11, Chapter 5, which sets the maximum permissible noise level as measured at the property line. (T&ES)
- C-3 Any work within or from the right-of-way requires a separate permit from T&ES. (Sec. 5-2) (T&ES)

VI. ATTACHMENTS

1 – Supporting Materials

2 – Application for BAR2012-00230 at 513 South Royal Street



Date:	June 20, 2012
Rev.	
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Drawn by:	DF
Customer Name:	Sharer
Job Location:	513 ROYAL ALEXANDRIA
Architect:	
Contractor:	FLAHERTY IRON WORKS
Title:	Fence Plan, Elev and section
Sht. No.	R-1



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Front Elevation



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ADDRESS OF PROJECT: _____

TAX MAP AND PARCEL: _____ ZONING: _____

APPLICATION FOR: *(Please check all that apply)* CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PERMIT TO MOVE, REMOVE, ENCAPSULATE OR DEMOLISH
(Required if more than 25 square feet of a structure is to be demolished/impacted) WAIVER OF VISION CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT and/or YARD REQUIREMENTS IN A VISION CLEARANCE AREA *(Section 7-802, Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)* WAIVER OF ROOFTOP HVAC SCREENING REQUIREMENT
*(Section 6-403(B)(3), Alexandria 1992 Zoning Ordinance)*Applicant: Property Owner Business *(Please provide business name & contact person)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail : _____

Authorized Agent *(if applicable)*: Attorney Architect _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Legal Property Owner:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- Yes** **No** Is there an historic preservation easement on this property?
 Yes **No** If yes, has the easement holder agreed to the proposed alterations?
 Yes **No** Is there a homeowner's association for this property?
 Yes **No** If yes, has the homeowner's association approved the proposed alterations?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please attach a copy of the letter approving the project.

NATURE OF PROPOSED WORK: *Please check all that apply*

- NEW CONSTRUCTION
- EXTERIOR ALTERATION: *Please check all that apply.*
 - awning
 - doors
 - lighting
 - other _____
 - fence, gate or garden wall
 - windows
 - pergola/trellis
 - HVAC equipment
 - siding
 - painting unpainted masonry
 - shutters
 - shed
- ADDITION
- DEMOLITION/ENCAPSULATION
- SIGNAGE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: *Please describe the proposed work in detail (Additional pages may be attached).*

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Items listed below comprise the **minimum supporting materials** for BAR applications. Staff may request additional information during application review. Please refer to the relevant section of the *Design Guidelines* for further information on appropriate treatments.

Applicants must use the checklist below to ensure the application is complete. Include all information and material that are necessary to thoroughly describe the project. Incomplete applications will delay the docketing of the application for review. Pre-application meetings are required for all proposed additions. All applicants are encouraged to meet with staff prior to submission of a completed application.

Electronic copies of submission materials should be submitted whenever possible.

Demolition/Encapsulation : *All applicants requesting 25 square feet or more of demolition/encapsulation must complete this section. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.*

- N/A Survey plat showing the extent of the proposed demolition/encapsulation.
- Existing elevation drawings clearly showing all elements proposed for demolition/encapsulation.
- Clear and labeled photographs of all elevations of the building if the entire structure is proposed to be demolished.
- Description of the reason for demolition/encapsulation.
- Description of the alternatives to demolition/encapsulation and why such alternatives are not considered feasible.

Additions & New Construction: *Drawings must be to scale and should not exceed 11" x 17" unless approved by staff. All plans must be folded and collated into 12 complete 8 1/2" x 11" sets. Additional copies may be requested by staff for large-scale development projects or projects fronting Washington Street. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.*

- N/A Scaled survey plat showing dimensions of lot and location of existing building and other structures on the lot, location of proposed structure or addition, dimensions of existing structure(s), proposed addition or new construction, and all exterior, ground and roof mounted equipment.
- FAR & Open Space calculation form.
- Clear and labeled photographs of the site, surrounding properties and existing structures, if applicable.
- Existing elevations must be scaled and include dimensions.
- Proposed elevations must be scaled and include dimensions. Include the relationship to adjacent structures in plan and elevations.
- Materials and colors to be used must be specified and delineated on the drawings. Actual samples may be provided or required.
- Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
- For development site plan projects, a model showing mass relationships to adjacent properties and structures.

Signs & Awnings: *One sign per building under one square foot does not require BAR approval unless illuminated. All other signs including window signs require BAR approval. Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.*

- N/A Linear feet of building: Front: _____ Secondary front (if corner lot): _____.
- Square feet of existing signs to remain: _____.
- Photograph of building showing existing conditions.
- Dimensioned drawings of proposed sign identifying materials, color, lettering style and text.
- Location of sign (show exact location on building including the height above sidewalk).
- Means of attachment (drawing or manufacturer's cut sheet of bracket if applicable).
- Description of lighting (if applicable). Include manufacturer's cut sheet for any new lighting fixtures and information detailing how it will be attached to the building's facade.

Alterations: *Check N/A if an item in this section does not apply to your project.*

- N/A Clear and labeled photographs of the site, especially the area being impacted by the alterations, all sides of the building and any pertinent details.
- Manufacturer's specifications for materials to include, but not limited to: roofing, siding, windows, doors, lighting, fencing, HVAC equipment and walls.
- Drawings accurately representing the changes to the proposed structure, including materials and overall dimensions. Drawings must be to scale.
- An official survey plat showing the proposed locations of HVAC units, fences, and sheds.
- Historic elevations or photographs should accompany any request to return a structure to an earlier appearance.

ALL APPLICATIONS: *Please read and check that you have read and understand the following items:*

- I have submitted a filing fee with this application. (Checks should be made payable to the City of Alexandria. Please contact staff for assistance in determining the appropriate fee.)
- I understand the notice requirements and will return a copy of the three respective notice forms to BAR staff at least five days prior to the hearing. If I am unsure to whom I should send notice I will contact Planning and Zoning staff for assistance in identifying adjacent parcels.
- I, the applicant, or an authorized representative will be present at the public hearing.
- I understand that any revisions to this initial application submission (including applications deferred for restudy) must be accompanied by the BAR Supplemental form and 12 sets of revised materials.

The undersigned hereby attests that all of the information herein provided including the site plan, building elevations, prospective drawings of the project, and written descriptive information are true, correct and accurate. The undersigned further understands that, should such information be found incorrect, any action taken by the Board based on such information may be invalidated. The undersigned also hereby grants the City of Alexandria permission to post placard notice as required by Article XI, Division A, Section 11-301(B) of the 1992 Alexandria City Zoning Ordinance, on the property which is the subject of this application. The undersigned also hereby authorizes the City staff and members of the BAR to inspect this site as necessary in the course of research and evaluating the application. The applicant, if other than the property owner, also attests that he/she has obtained permission from the property owner to make this application.

APPLICANT OR AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

OWNERSHIP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Use additional sheets if necessary

1. Applicant. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the applicant, unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1.		
2.		
3.		

2. Property. State the name, address and percent of ownership of any person or entity owning an interest in the property located at _____(address), unless the entity is a corporation or partnership, in which case identify each owner of more than ten percent. The term ownership interest shall include any legal or equitable interest held at the time of the application in the real property which is the subject of the application.

Name	Address	Percent of Ownership
1.		
2.		
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3. Business or Financial Relationships. Each person or entity listed above (1 and 2), with an ownership interest in the applicant or in the subject property is required to disclose **any** business or financial relationship, as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance, existing at the time of this application, or within the 12-month period prior to the submission of this application with any member of the Alexandria City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals or either Boards of Architectural Review.

Name of person or entity	Relationship as defined by Section 11-350 of the Zoning Ordinance	Member of the Approving Body (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, etc.)
1.		
2.		
3.		

NOTE: Business or financial relationships of the type described in Sec. 11-350 that arise after the filing of this application and before each public hearing must be disclosed prior to the public hearings.

As the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent, I hereby attest to the best of my ability that the information provided above is true and correct.