

Docket Item #3  
BAR CASE #2003-0311

BAR Meeting  
January 21, 2004

**ISSUE:** Fence  
**APPLICANT:** Kevin H. Posey  
**LOCATION:** 716 Wilkes Street  
**ZONE:** RB/Residential

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

DISCUSSION:

Applicant's Description of the Undertaking:

“American Gothic picket fence 42" high and 23' long to extend across the front of the property adjacent to the Wilkes St. sidewalk. A matching gate will be installed across the property's entrance walkway.”

Issue:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a front fence. This corner property currently has fencing only at the rear of the house. The applicant proposes to install a 42" high wood picket fence across the front yard. There will be a gate at the front walk. The fence and gate will be painted white.

History and Analysis:

According to real estate records, the house at 716 Wilkes Street was constructed in 1984. It is one in a row of six attached brick veneer townhouses. The Board approved new buildings at the southeast corner of Wilkes and Columbus Streets in a series of decisions in 1980 (8/6/1980, 8/20/1980 and 10/1/1980). There is no subsequent record of BAR reviews for this property.

The proposed 42" open fence complies with the zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed wood fence, provided that it is painted as soon as is practicable. The applicant has stated that he does intend to paint the fence. The traditional design of the fence is compatible with the Federal Revival townhouse. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Enforcement:

“No comment.”

Office of Historic Alexandria:

“No comment.”