

Docket Item #4  
BAR CASE #2004-0060

BAR Meeting  
April 21, 2004

**ISSUE:** Alterations

**APPLICANT:** John & Mary Berry

**LOCATION:** 219A South Fayette Street

**ZONE:** CL/Commercial

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

DISCUSSION:

Applicant's Description of the Undertaking:

“Remove existing brick wall, gate and stockade fence and construct new brick wall with the same gate to provide two parking spaces on the property.”

Issue:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for alterations to the existing brick wall and wood fencing at 219A South Fayette Street. The proposed alterations are required to provide parking for the residents at 1207 Duke Street.

A portion of the existing western brick wall, approximately 10.6', and 14' of the north stockade fence will be removed to accommodate the parking. A new brick wall will be installed along with the relocated pedestrian gate to separate the parking from the rear yard of 1207 Duke Street. The proposed brick wall will be 6' high, matching the existing wall.

History and Analysis:

According to Real Estate Assessments, the residence at 1207 Duke Street was constructed around 1822.

In 1992, the Board approved a building permit to install asphalt shingles on the front portion of the roof (4/1/92).

The proposed parking area and wall alterations comply with zoning ordinance requirements.

Modern mass produced wood stockade fencing is not appropriate in the historic district (Fences - page 2). Therefore Staff believes that the removal of the inappropriate fence will be an improvement.

Staff has no objections to the proposed parking area or alterations to the existing garden wall and fencing. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

## CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

### Code Enforcement:

- C-1 Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit or land disturbance permit, a rodent abatement plan shall be submitted to Code Enforcement that will outline the steps that will taken to prevent the spread of rodents from the construction site to the surrounding community and sewers.
- C-2 New construction must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-3 Alterations to the existing structure must comply with the current edition of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC).
- C-4 Construction permits are required for this project. Plans shall accompany the permit application that fully detail the construction as well as layouts and schematics of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.
- C-5 Permission from adjacent property owners is required if access to the adjacent properties is required to complete the proposed construction. Otherwise, a plan shall be submitted to demonstrate the construction techniques utilized to keep construction solely on the referenced property.

### Historic Alexandria:

“No comment.”