

Docket Item #8  
BAR CASE #2005-0139

BAR Meeting  
July 6, 2005

**ISSUE:** Alterations

**APPLICANT:** Thomas C. Hockaday & William C. Martin

**LOCATION:** 426 S. Fairfax St.

**ZONE:** RM/Residential

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

**I. ISSUE:**

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the existing stockade wood fence at the east side of the property and the board fence on the north side of the property with a brick wall 6' in height. The new brick fence is designed to closely match the adjoining brick wall on the east side of the property. The proposed brick wall is 6 ' across with three courses of brick detail and no cap.

The wall will be visible from the rear alleyway.

**II. HISTORY:**

426 S, Fairfax St. is a circa 18<sup>th</sup> C. dwelling that has been restored. There are prior BAR review cases for 426 S. Fairfax St. They include, to alter dormers, eaves and roof line eaves (8/14/1968) and to alter residence and windows (3/15/1972). Both proposals were approved.

**III. ANALYSIS:**

Section 7-202(B)(2) of the zoning ordinance permits closed and open fences that do not exceed 6' in height in any required yard except a front yard. The proposed replacement fence complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed brick wall. It is compatible with the district in its design and materials and is similar to the wall at the adjacent east side of the property.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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 A construction permit is required for the proposed project.

C-2 Construction shall conform to the USBC.

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.