

Docket Item # 3
BAR CASE #2008-0036

BAR Meeting
April 2, 2008

ISSUE: Alterations
APPLICANT: Meigs Hodge
LOCATION: 709 South Alfred Street
ZONE: RM/Residential

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the new fence be painted or stained.

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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a fence at the end unit rowhouse at 709 South Alfred Street. The proposed fence will be installed around the front and side of the property, where it will terminate at the existing 6' fence which encloses the rear of the property. The front of the fence along Alfred Street will have a gate at the walkway leading to the front door. The wood picket fence will measure approximately 23' along the front of the property and 51' along the side of the house adjacent to the alley. The pressure treated pine fence will have open pickets measuring 3 ½.'

II. HISTORY:

709 South Alfred Street is a two story, two bay brick rowhouse that was constructed ca. 1940 as part of the Patrick Henry subdivision. Staff has found no records of previous Board action with respect to this property.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed fence complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed fence which is consistent with the location of the other fences/walls on the rest of the blockface. The fence is appropriate in design and scale to the period and character of this stripped down Colonial revival townhouse, as recommended in the *Design Guidelines*. Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the new fence be painted or stained, as directed by the *Design Guidelines*.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application with the condition that the new fence be painted or stained.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Enforcement:

No comment.

Historic Alexandria:

R-Approve.