



Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **UDO Text Amendment to Appendix III Historic District Design Standards, Section 14: Fences and Walls**

Board Meeting Date: **January 14, 2025**

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Overview: The Historic Preservation Commission has recommended an amendment to Appendix III Historic District Design Standards, Section 14: Fences and Walls to make clarifications on fence guidelines.

After direction and review by the Swansboro Historic Preservation Board, the purpose of the proposed text amendment to Section 14: Fences and Walls is to keep the historic integrity of our district by requiring new fences visible to the public to be picket in style, not just wood in material as previously required. Section 14 Fences and Walls, bullet 4 is recommended to read: “Design new fences that are compatible with the associated building site, streetscape in height, proportion, scale, color, texture, material, and design. New wooden fences that are within the public view must be wooden picket in style and meet height requirements (see example photo below). Synthetic fence materials, such as vinyl, are not appropriate in the historic district.” A photo example of picket fences is also recommended to be added after this bullet as well. The Planning Board did recommend this text amendment at their December 3rd regular meeting.

Background Attachment(s):

1. Ordinance 2025-O2
2. Comprehensive Plan Consistency Statement
3. Section 14: Fences and Walls

Recommended Action:

1. Hold a public hearing
2. Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-O2 amending Appendix III, Section 14: Fences and Walls.

Action: _____

