



# Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

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Item To Be Considered: **Text Amendment to Section 14 Fences and Walls**

Board Meeting Date: **October 15, 2024**

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**Overview:** At the September 17, 2024, Swansboro Historic Preservation meeting, the board directed staff to bring back a text amendment for Section 14 Fences and Walls found in our Historic District Design Standards to make clarifications on fence guidelines.

After direction to keep the historic integrity of our district, new fences visible to the public need 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 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.

**Background Attachment(s):** Draft Ordinance

**Recommended Action:** Motion to recommend amending Section 14 Fences and Walls in the Historic District Design Standards of the Unified Development Ordinance and forward those recommended changes to the Planning Board for their review.

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