



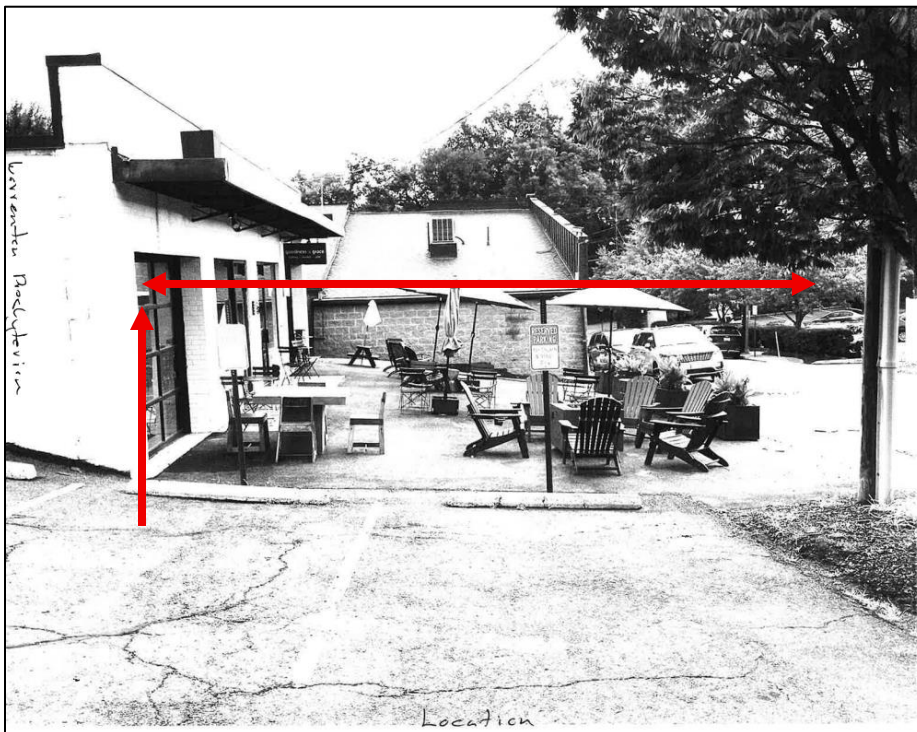
Community Development
Department

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date:	September 24, 2026
Agenda Title:	COA 26-38 101 Main Street
Requested Action:	Construct Fence Along Rear Property Line
Department / Agency Lead:	Community Development
Staff Lead:	Whitney Burgess, Preservation Planner

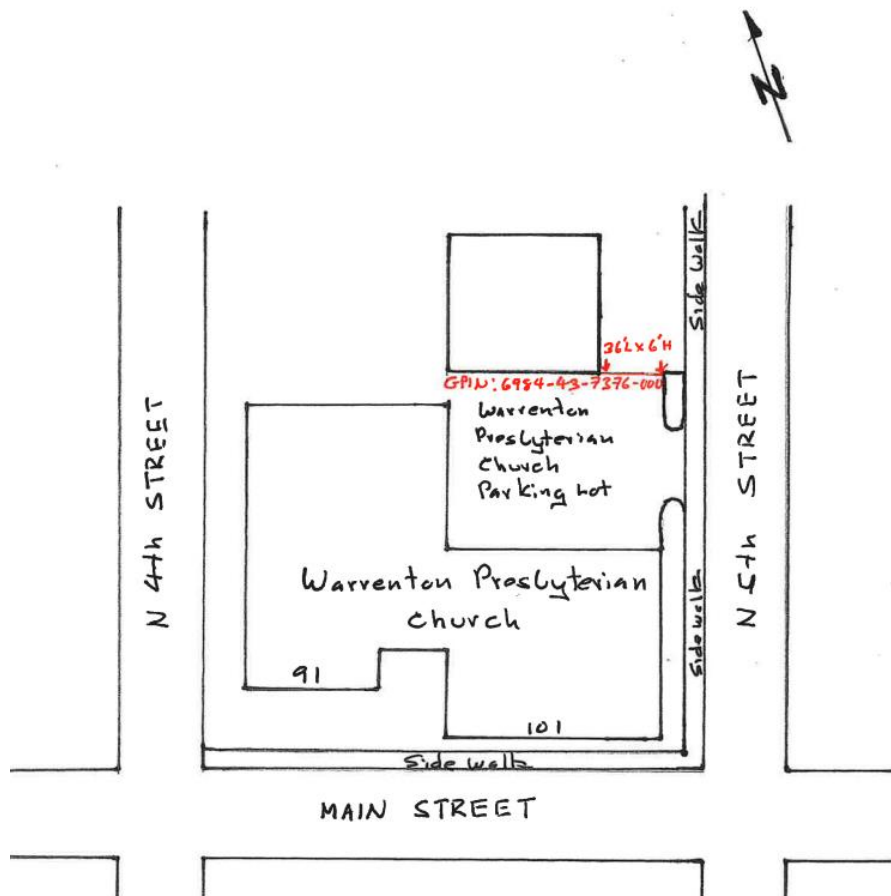
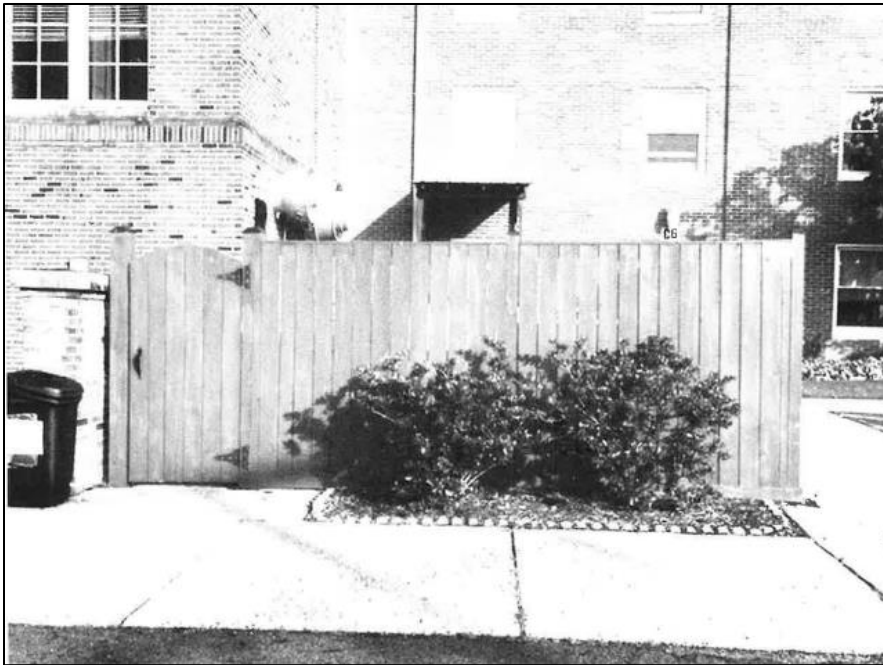
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant, representing Warrenton Presbyterian Church at 91-101 Main Street, is requesting to construct a 36' L x 6' H wooden privacy fence at the north (rear) property line of the east parcel. The fence would extend from the edge of the west sidewalk along North Fifth Street and travel along the parking lot boundary to abut the adjacent building located at 20 North Fifth Street.



Proposed Fence Location at 101 Main Street

Example Design



BACKGROUND

The congregation of Warrenton Presbyterian Church originated in 1777, but the existing church was constructed in c.1855 and is in excellent condition. The property was used as a hospital during the Civil War. This is a good example of Greek Revival style and represents a mid-nineteenth-century high style building within the district. According to the church website, the current sanctuary and fellowship hall were added in 1999. Both of these structures are sympathetic to the historic building. One noticeable difference between the historic sanctuary and the 1999 addition is the color of the brick. The 1855 sanctuary has a traditional red brick and the brick on the 1999 addition has more of a brown tone. The building retains integrity across all criteria, falls within the district's period of significance, and contributes to the architectural character of the district. The building is recommended for further study to determine whether the history of the church does possess sufficient historical significance to qualify for individual listing in the National Register under Criterion A for religious and social, as well as its connection to the Civil War as a hospital.

DESIGN GUIDELINE CONSIDERATIONS

Historic District Guideline	Page No.	Analysis
2. SITE DESIGN		
B. Guidelines for Fences & Walls		
2. New fences should not exceed six feet in height, or the maximum allowed by the zoning district regulations	3.8	
3. Design fencing and gates for visual interest in addition to function; choose appropriate materials such as stone, brick, cast stone, rusticated concrete block, cast cement, wood, iron, steel, or metal wire	3.8	
4. For wooden stockade fences, avoid simplicity. Design with architectural details such as capped posts, pointed or shaped boards, varied board heights, or scalloped sections, for example. The rails should face the interior lot. Pressure treated lumber is acceptable but stained or painted is recommended.	3.8	
Best Practices		
For fences and walls between properties, permission and approval of the adjoining owner should accompany the Architectural Review Board application for review consideration	3.8	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of Certificate of Appropriateness 26-38 for the request to construct a wooden privacy fence along the rear property line at 101 Main Street, as described and depicted in the application and plans, provided the following conditions are met:

- 1) All necessary permits are acquired; and
- 2) The fence should be stained or painted; and
- 3) Fence height cannot exceed 6 ft tall, per Zoning Ordinance 2-19.1

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A- Photos and Plans
2. Attachment B- Draft Motion