

## SECTION 4.2: FENCES, WALLS, GATES, AND HEDGES

### FENCES, WALLS, GATES, AND HEDGES

The use of fences, walls, gates and hedges both demarcate the property lines but also provides security to the property owner. Within a historic district it is important to make sure the location, material, and height of a fence, wall, gate or hedge is in keeping with the character of the historic district or property and is compatible with the existing building style. Installations of fences, walls, and gates that are at the front property line shall not exceed allowed heights within each district and shall provide transparency into the façade of the property.

**CORNER LOT PROPERTIES:** Are considered to have (2) fronts. The façade containing the front door is the primary façade and the other is the secondary façade. Homes with a front entrance on the corner are considered to have (2) primary façades.

### MATERIALS

**Metal Fencing** (color must be compatible with structure)

**Masonry Walls** (style and color must complement the house)

**Wood picket fences** (natural, stained, painted a dark color, or white)

**Solid wood, stockade, shadow box, dog ear or other similar** (natural or stained: no black, grey, or dark stain)

*\*Chain link fencing, unfinished concrete masonry units (CMU), concrete block, or keystones are not allowed.*



**FIGURE 4.4** Gates and fencing in the first layer shall have at least 60% visibility



**FIGURE 4.5** Gate with at least 60% visibility with design and color complementary to historic home

Any new fence, wall, gate, or hedge must also follow all other City Codes including, but not limited to the following:

Miami 21. Article 3. General to Zones  
Miami 21: Article 5. Specific to Zones

*NOTE: There may be specific guidelines for fences, walls, and gates that are applicable to specific historic districts; please check Section 8: Commercial Historic Districts and Section 9: Residential Commercial Districts for additional information.*

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**FIGURE 4.6 Residential Historic District Fence, Wall, and Hedge Guideline**

Historic District	Bayside, Morningside	Lummus Park, Riverview	Buena Vista East	Palm Grove
<b>Front of the Property</b>				
<b>Fence/Gates</b>	Not Permitted	5'-0"	4'-0"	5'-0"
<b>Wall</b>	Not Permitted	30" for solid wall	30" for solid wall	30" for solid wall
<b>Hedge</b>	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Not Permitted	Permitted to 5'-0"
<b>Fence, Wall, and Hedge at Side and Rear Property Lines</b> (If not permitted in front, side fence must begin at least 1'-0" behind the front façade)				
<b>Sides parallel to façade</b>	6'-0"	6'-0"	6'-0"	6'-0"
<b>Sides parallel to façade</b> (setback at least 10'-0")	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"
<b>Sides in front of façade</b>	Not Permitted	5'-0"	4'-0"	5'-0"
<b>Sides and Rear</b>	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"	8'-0"

\*Gates and gate piers are allowed to extend 8" higher than maximum fence height

*Patterns, colors, and materials of the fence, gate, or wall shall be in keeping with the style of the structure. Horizontal fencing patterns are not allowed.*



**FIGURES 4.7 and 4.8 Gates with at least 60% visibility with design and color complementary to historic home**

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### A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS IS REQUIRED WHEN...

- Installing a new fence, wall, gate, or hedge
- Removing a fence, wall, gate, or hedge

### ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL IS POSSIBLE WHEN:

- Installing a new fence, wall, gate, or hedge
- Removing a fence, wall, gate, or hedge

### HEP BOARD APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR:

- Installing a new fence, wall, gate, or hedge that is not in compliance with the historic design guidelines
- Removing a fence, wall, or gate that is original to the property.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

*Below is a checklist to use when applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness:*

#### ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

- SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY
- ONE SET OF PLANS (NO LARGER THAN 11x17)
- MATERIAL SEPECIFICATION
- PHOTOS OF THE MAIN FAÇADE, FRONT AND SIDES
- MANUFACTURER'S CUT SHEET, SHOP DRAWING OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PROPOSED MATERIAL (COLOR)
- HISTORIC PICTURE IF AVAILABLE