

## Chapter 2 – Site and Setting

### 2.2 Fences and Walls

- .1 Retain and preserve traditional historic fences and their ornamental and functional elements such as gates, decorative pickets, pillars, posts and hardware.
- .2 Retain and preserve fence and wall materials. Repair rather than replace fence and wall materials. Replace only irreparable elements, matching the original in materials and form. Replace only the deteriorated portion of any fence or wall rather than the entire component.
- .3 Protect and maintain fences and walls through appropriate means:
  - .1 Inspect regularly for signs of moisture damage, corrosion, structural damage or settlement, vegetation, and fungal or insect infestation.
  - .2 Keep all joinery adequately sealed and provide adequate drainage to prevent moisture damage.
  - .3 Clean as necessary using the gentlest means possible. Remove any Vegetation that is uprooting posts or causing other structural damage.
  - .4 Maintain protective surface coatings such as paint and reapply when they are damaged or deteriorated.
  - .5 Keep hedges trimmed and free from vegetation that threatens their health.
  - .6 Follow the standards for masonry, wood and architectural metals where applicable.
- .4 Leave unpainted any wall or fence materials that historically were not painted.
- .5 If a fence or wall is completely missing, base the design for its replacement on accurate documentation of the original. If a new fence or wall is to be constructed, base design on a historic fence or wall or create a new design compatible with the historic character of the building.
- .6 Introduce new fences and walls in locations and configurations that are characteristic of the historic district in which they are to be located.
- .7 Construct new fences and walls out of traditional materials. It is not appropriate to construct a vinyl or metal chain-link fence or to cover historic fence or wall material with contemporary substitute coatings or materials.
- .8 Introduce vegetation such as climbing vines, ivy or shrubbery to screen existing, chain-link fencing.
- .9 Construct privacy fences in side or rear yards only. Wooden privacy fences shall be used to screen parking areas, mechanical equipment, garbage collections areas, etc. Relate privacy fences and walls for commercial buildings to the materials of the building or adjacent fences or walls.