

~~June 23, 2022~~ July 21, 2022

City of Pomona, Development Services Department, Planning Division
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Pomona, CA 91769

To Whom it May Concern;

I replaced an old wooden fence on the west side of my property in May of this year. After checking the Pomona City ordinance regarding fences *I did not realize that the Historic Office needed to approve my choice of fencing materials.*

I choose a white vinyl fencing material that resembles wood. The color matches the trim on my home and the cost was less than wood which is out of my reach. The other considerations that I used was that the old wooden fence that was replaced needed to be treated with paint or stain at least every other year. My husband and I are in our late 70s and no longer able to do that kind of work.

I am including photos of our house with the newly installed vinyl fencing and of other homes in my neighborhood with older wooden fencing. As you can clearly see the wooden fences are very unattractive and in need of more than just a coat of paint or stain.

The regulations imposed on our neighbors for replacing fencing in historic areas may be causing them to be unable, financially, to replace a fence that is far past its usable life. As I drive down my street I see very old chain link fencing that is leaning to the side and mostly falling down. I also see a block wall fence in the front yard of a beautiful old historic home that has been displaced by tree roots and should have been replaced years ago. Most of the wooden fences are disintegrating and rotten. How can that possibly maintain the appearance of this gracious neighborhood?

If you rule against my new fence the only choice I have will be to tear it down and have no fence at all. If there are funds available through the Historic Office to replace the vinyl with wood then I will gladly follow the ordinance. The cost to replace just the side yard with wood, including labor, would be \$10,000.

I would, therefore, like to appeal your decision of June 29, 2022 regarding this matter.

Thank you for your consideration,


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