

Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Guidelines for Fencing and Screening

Fences and Walls - Residential

Residents commonly used stone walls and wood fences to separate their yards from streets and from neighbors' yards. In the late 19th century and early 20th century, residents used simple wood board or common picket fences. In more recent years, vegetation and hedges have been used to increase privacy in front, back and side yards.

- Repair and maintain historic fencing materials if possible, or replace fencing in-kind.
- Accomplish screening using traditional wood fencing materials as well as through landscaping.
- Use traditional forms. Picket, post and rail, and simple iron fencing in historic designs are all appropriate.
- Wood fences such as split rail can be left to weather. Picket and turned rail and post fences may be painted white. Wrought iron fencing should be black.
- Chain link and stockade fences are prohibited. Shadow board, basket weave, and other contemporary designs are discouraged.
- Fencing in front yards should not be more than three or four feet high. Fencing should not obscure views of buildings. Fences in front yards should be set back from the street or sidewalk, with a landscaped strip in between. Fences and hedges on corner lots should not obstruct visibility of drivers making turns.



Fences and Walls – Commercial

- Commercial properties in residential-style settings should conform to the guidelines for residential properties above.
- Refer to the Hyannis Historic Outdoor Dining Guidelines for recommendations for sidewalk and patio fencing around dining areas.
- Historic Stone walls must be preserved and maintained where present.
- Fencing in front of buildings should be no higher than three or four feet and should be landscaped with flowers and shrubs.

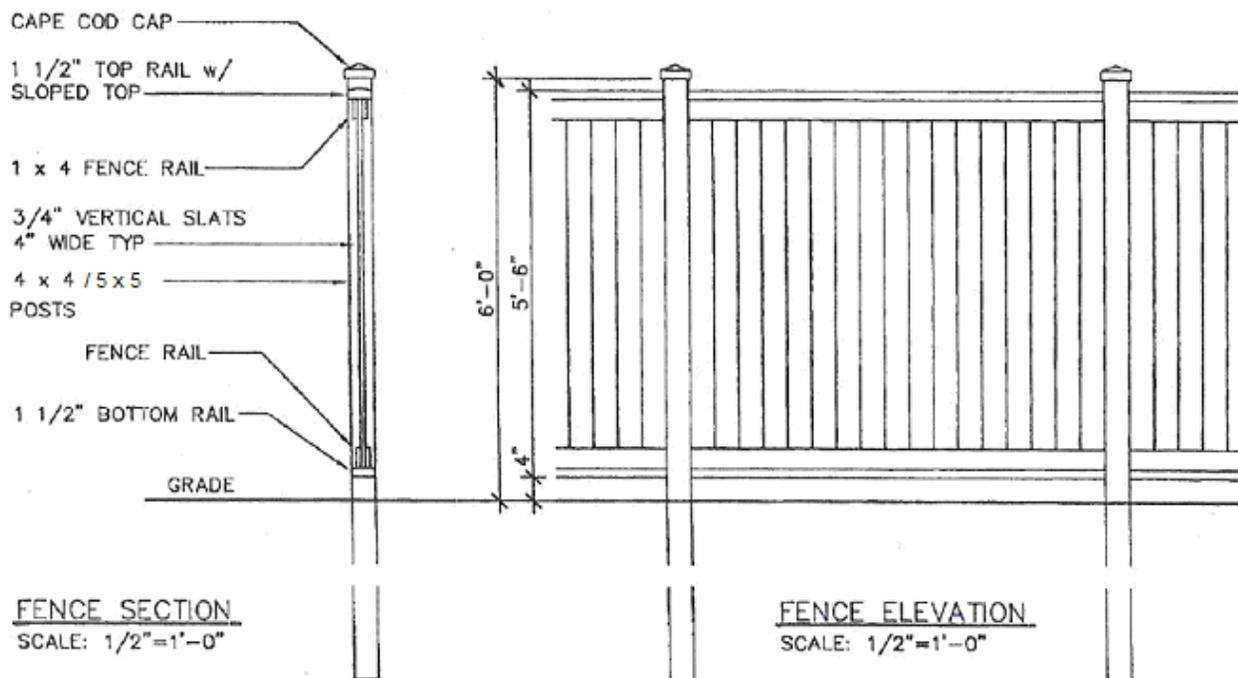
Fences for Screening / Dumpster Enclosures

The Hyannis Historic District Commission has pre-approved a design for dumpster enclosures and privacy fencing. Screening that meet all of the specifications below does not require Commission review. Proposed fencing that varies from the approved design must be reviewed by the HHDC.

The pre-approved design consists of the following:

- Screening should be constructed of cedar 6' x 8' panels or tightly spaced vertical boards 4" to 6" wide, with a cap rail and support boards (fence rail) on both sides.
- Posts are to be 4"x4" or 5"x5" and should extend at least 2" above the top rail and have a beveled "Cape Cod" or "Nantucket" cap.
- All rails must have adequately beveled top surfaces to shed water and debris.
- White or gray paint or weathering stain must be applied to all surfaces. The enclosure must be one color or finish.
- For dumpster enclosures, a center post insert of galvanized steel is permitted to address potential truck driver abuse.
- Dumpsters should be placed upon an impervious surface of concrete or road-roller compacted asphalt paving.

Recommended Screening/Dumpster Enclosure



The following variations may be approved upon review by the Commission:

- Lattice top (wood only) or alternative finishing
- Custom colors to match existing buildings
- Solid vinyl PVC fencing, painted
- Concrete posts, painted, to prevent damage from trucks

The following designs are prohibited within the District:

- Stockade, chain-link, or hollow vinyl plastic fencing or lattice
- Black or bright colors are not acceptable for screening