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Staff Report

To: McClellanville Architecture Review Board

From: Eddie Bernard, RLA, Planner

Date: March 18, 2025

Re: 941 Pinckney Street– New Fence TMS 764-10-00-024

The applicant is seeking approval to build a new fence along the road frontage of Pinckney St and turning the corner partially down Liberty Street. The property is zoned Residential and is within the Town's local historic district but is not a contributing parcel.

The proposed wood picket fence will be 4x4 posts throughout with the exception of two sets of gates where larger 6x6 posts will be used. The gates will aesthetically look like the remainder of the fence from the outside except that the gates will be inset to the rear of the 6x6 post and thus hinged to the rear of the 6x6. Both the gates and fence will be a consistent 42" in height. The Pinckney St frontage has a circle drive and thus there will be two sets of gates, with each set of gates meeting in the middle of their respective drives. The pickets are gothic style and thus have heads that resemble an arrowhead. Starting at the front left corner looking from Pinckney St the fence will have about a 5' section that runs into the lot away from Pinckney St and then turn to parallel Pinckney to the Liberty St corner and then run parallel to Liberty St to the oak near the corner of the garage and gravel driveway.

The guidelines indicate that wood fences generally should be painted, that the finished side must face outward toward the street and that fences in front yards or along a street fronting side yard must be 42" in height or lower and must not be solid. The submittal does not indicate a proposed gap between the pickets but understand gaps are being proposed.

Zoning review: Staff would request that the applicant provide a gap dimension between pickets for clarity and confirmation of the fence not being solid.

Zoning approval of the fence is separate and distinct from the ARB's approval and required prior to obtaining a building permit.

