

DHDC 23-8423

APPROVAL DOCUMENT – POST AT WORK LOCATION

CITY OF DETROIT
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

2 WOODWARD AVE., SUITE 808
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

March 15, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Meaghan and Jacob Marion
1425 Chicago Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48206

RE: Application 23-8423; 1425 Chicago, Boston-Edison Historic District
Project Scope: Install fence

Dear Applicant,

At the regular meeting that was held on March 8, 2023, the Detroit Historic District Commission (“DHDC”) reviewed the above-referenced application. Pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205 (1) and Sections 21-2-73/21-2-78 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; the DHDC hereby issues a Certificate of Appropriateness (“COA”) for the following work, effective on March 15, 2023, as it meets the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and the district’s Elements of Design:

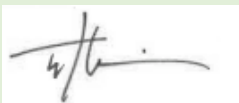
Remove existing fence, install new fence, per the submitted application materials.

This Certificate of Appropriateness is issued with the conditions that:

- ***The fence shall be painted a color as deemed appropriate by staff***
- ***The fence height shall be standardized to six feet along its entire length***

Please retain this COA for your files and post it at the subject property until work is complete. It is important to note that approval by the DHDC does not waive the applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable ordinances or statutes. If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact staff at 313-224-1762 or hdc@detroitmi.gov.

For the Commission:



Timothy Boscarino
Detroit Historic District Commission

From: megmar31 <mmaraffi31@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2023 5:07 PM
To: Historic District Commission (Staff) <hdc@detroitmi.gov>
Cc: Jacob Marion <jalemarion@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 1425 Chicago Blvd Fence

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Dear Historic District Commission,

We received your Notice of Work Observed regarding our fence for our home: 1425 Chicago Blvd, Detroit, MI 48206. This past summer the integrity of the fence inherited from the previous owners began to fail, and we frequently had sections of pickets fall off during wind storms. Even without storms the fence pickets had begun to fall off of the frame, pickets had broken into pieces as they were not properly weatherized when first built, and the frame itself was damaged by wood rot. We have a dog and a newborn and were focused on keeping the backyard and neighbors safe. Also, there have been multiple sightings of stray dogs and even coyotes in our neighborhood and therefore in our efforts for safety and timeliness we failed to submit an application.

Attached is a retro application, a photo of the fence from when we first acquired the house in 2018 (alternating black and white sections), a photo of painting that fence which illustrates the beginning of the broken pickets and falling frame, and a photo of the new fence with treated wood.

Best,
Meaghan and Jacob Marion

From: Jacob Marion <jalemarion@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 7:12 AM
To: Timothy Boscarino <Timothy.Boscarino@detroitmi.gov>
Cc: megmar31 <mmaraff31@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] 1425 Chicago Blvd Fence

Thank you for following up, Timothy. The height of the horizontal segments are 6ft with the vertical sections slightly taller. Ideally, these taller segments will be cut to level and capped with a decorative wood cap (no lights or metal segments attached to the cap). Our original plan was to paint it white but since then we have grown accustomed to the natural look, so we are still discussing it. We had to wait time for the treated lumber to fully dry out before painting to ensure good adherence and a long lasting paint job. As for the side portion of the fence, this is indeed

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unfinished. The flipper who bought the house next to us tore out our shared fence (which was cyclone fencing) and sold the house without replacing or sharing the cost of replacement. Since the house just sold a week or so ago, we are talking with the new owners about a permanent solution. It is likely that we will want to construct a very similar fence to the new one in our yard. Because I was unsure of the height of that new segment, I have not cut the long post in that tapered segment as I may need to adjust that height to match the new segment once plans are finalized and we actually put it in.

Let me know if you have any other questions





