

22 Edison Street

Fence Project

Homeowner: Jack Raab

ePlans # BLD2020-05113

This project is Phase II of a fencing project for this property. Phase I, (ePlans #04252) has COA dated 11/3/2020, and is currently under review by BSEED.

Existing Conditions:

- Chain link fence on the west and north side of the lot to the detached garage
- Will be installing Aluminum "Wrought Iron" style fencing along East side of property (COA 11/3/2020, currently under plan review)
- No fencing along the South side (Edison side) of the lot.

Description of project:

We are requesting a variance to be allowed to install fencing on the South and West (approx. 24') side of the property (to the existing chain link fence line). The new fencing will have a 6' double swing gate at the front walkway to the front porch.

We are requesting the variance to help with the security of our home. Living across the street from a liquor store and bus stop along busy Woodward Avenue, we frequently have people coming into our yard and looking into our windows or urinating in the bushes next to the house or sitting/leaning against our house while they consume alcohol. We frequently have people sitting on our front steps or front porch consuming their alcohol or leaving their trash in our yard. On several occasions we have been awoken at night to have fights on our front porch and yard or have people pounding on our front doors and windows. On one recent occasion the Police had to be called to deal with the out of control individual at 4 in the morning.

We understand that normally fencing is not allowed on the front of a property as it might not have been consistent with the historic look of the neighborhood. However, currently there are several properties within the Historic Boston Edison District that have similar fencing along the front walk of their properties. Including at 101 Edison Street (five houses down from 22 Edison). We are requesting to extend the fencing along the front walk from the west to the east side of the property to fully enclose the yard with 3' high aluminum "wrought-iron" style fencing for safety and security reasons.

We plan on maintaining the historic look of the home and the neighborhood by utilizing the "wrought-iron" style fencing that is prevalent in the Boston-Edison neighborhood and match the approved Phase I fencing.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the Historic Boston-Edison Association, I am cognizant of the need to keep the home as historically accurate as possible, and feel that by allowing the aluminum “wrought-iron” style fencing across the Edison side of the property, will be in keeping with the historical accuracy of the area. This would also help with the need for safety and security of the home, which was not a historical need when the home was built.

Scope of work:

Project: Install 3’ high fencing at 22 Edison Street on South and West sides of the property. Fencing utilized will be aluminum, “wrought-iron” style fencing manufactured by Great Fence. Fencing will include a front entrance gate on the South at the Edison walkway entrance to the property.

- Prepare property, measure and dig fence holes,
- Install 3’ high aluminum fencing along South and West sides of property
- All in-line and end/corner posts to be cemented in place
- Install 6’ wide double swing arched gate at entry walk
- Install fencing sections