



Agenda Item Report

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Historic Preservation
Commission

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ITEM TITLE: Consideration and possible action on a request by Frontier Bank for a perimeter fence, located at 215 Railroad Street, Buda Texas, 78610. (HPC 26-04)

Historic Preservation Officer Will Parrish

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant is requesting to place a fence along the side and rear property lines of the new bank located at 215 Rail Road Street.

2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The new construction at 215 Rail Road Street received its COA in February of 2025, and then proceeded with a building permit. It is currently under construction, however, during the construction process, after a discussion and settlement with a neighbor, the Bank is now requesting to install a wooden privacy fence at the sides and rear of the property.

3. ANALYSIS

The applicant is proposing a 6 foot tall wooden fence with 10 inch boards, installed horizontally, board on board.

1. Fences of cast iron or other original materials should be preserved.

- *Not Applicable*

2. Fences of cast iron may be added to buildings constructed in the late 19th and early 20th century. Cast iron fences are generally not appropriate for dwellings built after 1920.

- *Not Applicable, this building style is later than 1920 and it is not a residence.*

3. Fences of chain link, louver, split rails, concrete block, basket weave, horizontal board, stockade or shadowbox designs are not generally acceptable within the historic district, though use of horizontal, split rail, and basket weave may be appropriate in limited circumstances given the particular style of the home. Given the strong presence of Craftsman/Arts & Crafts style houses, fences are encouraged to reflect period design elements.

- *The proposed fence does use horizontal boards, however it is similar to previously approved wooden fences within the district.*

4. Fences constructed substantially or entirely of free-standing brick are generally not appropriate in front yards but are acceptable at rear yards and side yards not readily visible from the street.

- *Not Applicable*

5. Fences of wood pickets or balusters are appropriate for front yards. Such fences should be painted or stained. Fences more than 50% open should be no more than 42 inches in height. If less than 50 % open, fences should be no more than 36 inches in height. Solid board fences are not appropriate for use in front yards and should be avoided.

- *Not applicable, this fence will not be located in the front yard.*

6. Pickets or spindles should be no wider than four inches, and be set between a top rail and a bottom baseboard and rail.

- *Not applicable, this standard is for front yard fences.*

7. Fences constructed of wood boards or planks for privacy should be located in Rear Yards and be no taller than six feet. Boards should be no more than four to six inches wide.

- *The applicant is proposing a 6 foot tall fence, with 10 inch boards.*

8. Privacy fences should be at least half-way back from the front to the back walls on the side of the house. Privacy fences of flat board s with flat or “dog eared” tops in a single row are most appropriate for the historic district. Vertical boards topped with lattice or picket are also appropriate as privacy fences.

- *This fence starts half way back on the north side, and at the rear of the structure on the south side. There are no "dog ears" on these boards, as the fence is proposed to be installed with horizontal boards.*

4. FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this fence will allow for the continued progress towards completion of this bank, which will result in property taxes to the City.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS

HISTORIC AND VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Expand commercial space in Downtown

7. PROS AND CONS

8. ALTERNATIVES

The Commission may vote to:

- Approve
- Approve with conditions
- Deny
- Table

9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the application and recommends approval of the request to construct a wooden privacy fence.

Attachments:

[HPC 26-04-24014 frontier buda fence submittal 5-04-26_ \(2\).pdf](#)