

H. Decks may be appropriate.

- 1) For historical properties, a deck should be constructed at ground level, behind the front façade and adequately screened from view from public ways.
- 2) Composite deck material is appropriate for flooring only.
- 3) For new construction, balconies and decks are appropriate if the design is incorporated into the design of the building.

I. Handrails at ramps, walkways, steps, decks or patios should be designed to be compatible with the primary structure.

- 1) Appropriate materials are painted wood and non-reflective painted or factory-finished metal.

2. Fences, Walls and Gates

In order to provide definition to the road edge and to serve as a subtle link with the character of the Historic Design District, fences and walls may be considered. *When used, they should be simple in design and low to the ground and be in character with others in the area and with the primary structure on a site.* These guidelines may not be applicable for developments in the Gateway Mountainside Character Area.

A. A fence should be simple in character.

- 1) A fence should be "transparent," allowing views into a site.
- 2) Fences should not exceed four feet in height.
- 3) A fence for screening an animal enclosure may reach heights of five or six feet. These should be located behind a building. Such enclosures will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 4) Gate material and design should be appropriate to the fence.

- 4) Cultured stone will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

D. Minimize the height of retaining walls.

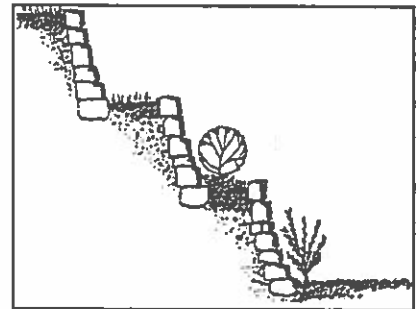
- 1) Where a wall is necessary, limit its height to less than four feet. Use a series of terraces with short walls where the overall retaining height must be greater than four feet.
- 2) When feasible, contour the site to reduce the need for retaining walls

B. Appropriate fence materials include wood, iron, wire, stone or plants.

- 1) Chain link, concrete block, fiberglass, plywood, slatted "snow" fences and mesh "construction" fences are inappropriate.
- 2) Synthetic material may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

C. Retaining walls should appear similar to those used traditionally.

- 1) Dry stacked stone or mortared stone masonry retaining walls are appropriate.
- 2) Log and railroad ties may be used if the horizontal method of construction is utilized. Their appropriateness will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- 3) Unfaced concrete or concrete block are not appropriate.



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