

City Of Key West
Planning Department
3140 Flagler Avenue
Key West, Florida 33040

January 19, 2012

Mr. Victor Olson
#1316 Eliza Street
Key West, Florida 33040

VIA EMAIL CORRECTED LETTER

**RE: AFTER THE FACT INSTALLATION OF WOOD LOUVERS OVER
EXISTING 4' HIGH FRONT FENCE AND ON SIDE AND BACK YARD
FENCES. TOTAL HEIGHT OF FENCES IS 70"-CODE COMPLIANCE
CASE
FOR: #1316 ELIZA STREET - APPLICATION #H11-01-1747
KEY WEST HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Dear Mr. Olson:

This letter is to notify you that the Key West Historic Architectural Review Commission **denied** your request for an after the fact installation of wood louver over an existing fence on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. The Commissioners review the submitted application and voted to deny the application based on Article VI- Design Guidelines in Key West Historic District, particularly the following guidelines;

Fences and walls, page 41-42;

2) Design and construction of fences or changes to existing fences must be approved and permitted.

(3) A picket fence up to 4 feet in height is permitted at the front of the structure... Picket fences should be constructed in proportion to historic dimensions.

(6) Six foot fences may begin from the rear of where the façade of the house joins the front porch, or at least ten (10) feet from the front property line.

(7) New decorative wooden fences (solid with patterns cut out of the top portion) are discouraged.


If you wish to appeal this decision, as pursuant Sec 90-428 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Key West, you may do so in writing. Appeals should be sent to;

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Ms. Cheryl Smith
City Clerk, City of Key West
525 Angela Street
Key West, Florida 33040

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. On behalf of the Historic Architectural Review Commission of our City, thank you for your interest in the preservation of Key West historic heritage.

Sincerely:



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Cc. Leo Hernandez- Code Officer

- 9 Demolition of new top louvered fence to comply with front and side heights. Front fence will be 4' tall and side and back fences will be 6' tall- Code Compliance Case- #1316 Eliza Street- Victor Olson(H12-01-552)

This staff report is for the first reading for demolition of an unpermitted installation of wood horizontal fence over an existing 4' high fence. The house located at #1316 Eliza Street is not listed in the surveys. The applicant removed the pointy ends of the existing picket fence and built over it a wood louvered fence. Although the owner received a stop work order from Code Officer Leo Hernandez, he kept working on the non permitted fence. According to the owner the overall height of the fence is 70". The work extends to the entire perimeter existing fence, with the exception of the front gates. The new posts are attached to the existing fence and do not touch the ground. On January 11, 2012 the Commission denied the after the fact application of the louvers. The applicant went in front of the Special Magistrate for his Code violation case on March 28 and Judge Overby gave him one month to come into compliance.

According to the submitted documents the applicant will remove the wood louvers in the front and front sides of the fence. in order to make it 4' high. For the remaining side and back fences the applicant will be removing the necessary added louvers in order to comply with the 6' tall requirement

Guidelines that should be reviewed for this application:

Fences and walls (pages 41-42):

(2) Design and construction of fences or changes to existing fences must be approved and permitted.

(3) A picket fence up to 4 feet in height is permitted at the front of the structure... Picket fences should be constructed in proportion to historic dimensions.

(4) Six foot height picket fences may be permitted on side and rear property lines only. All front elevation fences shall not exceed four feet in height, unless there is a previous masonry and wood or iron picket combination fence.

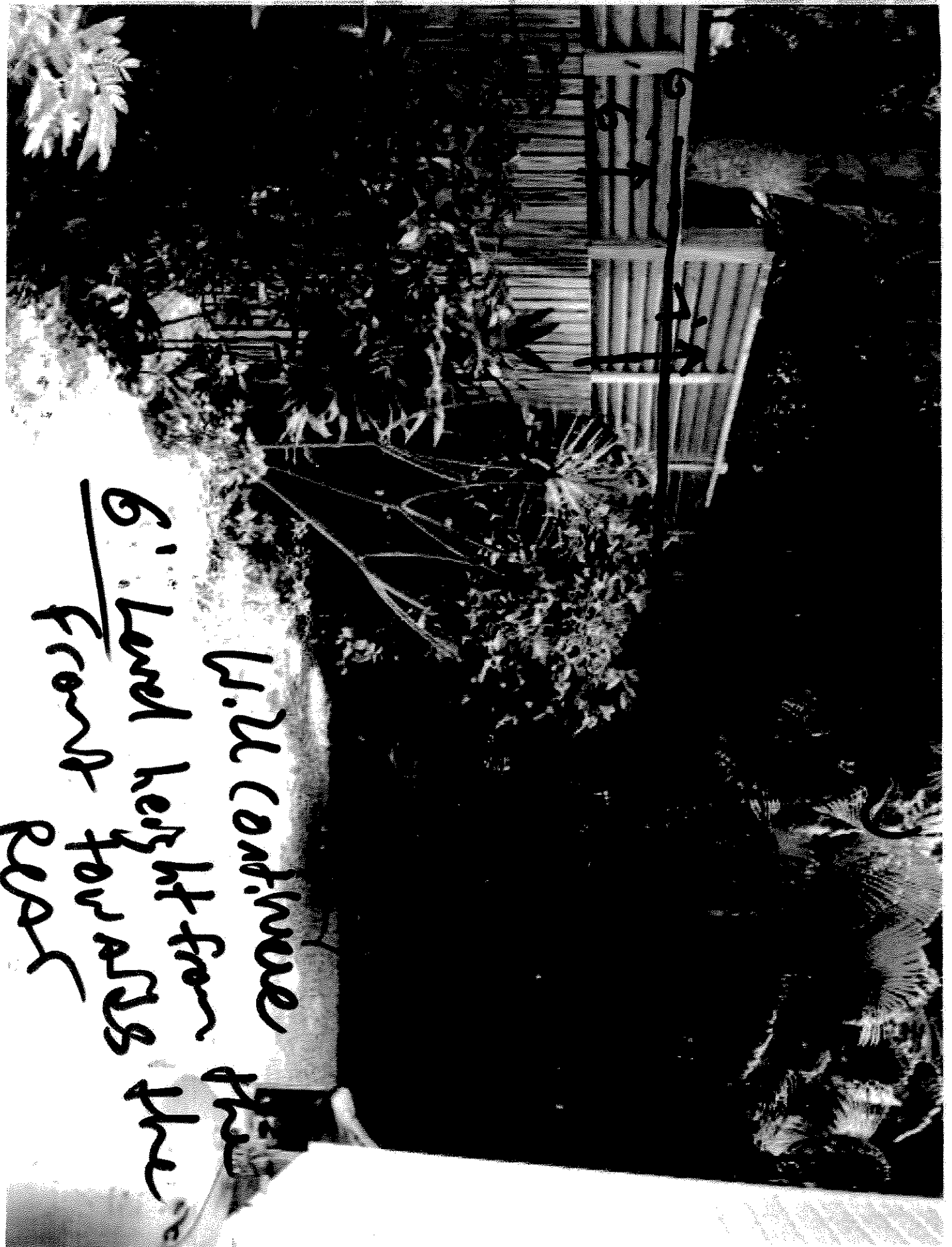
(6) Six foot fences may begin from the rear of where the facade of the house joins the front porch, or at least ten (10) feet from the front property line.

(8) Traditional historic fencing included wood pickets, wrought iron, concrete and combination of these materials. Fencing should be designed with respect for the site land environment.

It is staff's opinion that the corrections to the height of the front, side and back fences is consistent with the guidelines. Nevertheless when the



Will continue the
6' level height for the
front towards the
rear





Will Reduce
to 2' height

Right side
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to



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