

Memo

To: Chair Simpson and Members of the Planning Commission

Thru: Anna Pehoushek, Assistant Community Development Director

From: Tiffany Chhan, Planning Aide

Date: October 4, 2021

Re: Walls and Fences Ordinance Update – Clarification for Historic Districts Design Standards

On October 4, 2021, the Planning Division received an electronic mail facsimile from MaryAnne Skorpanich of the Design Review Committee. The email states that the proposed ordinance does not specify that the location of perimeter walls and fences within the City's Historic Districts may differ in reference to architectural design standards. The Historic Preservation Design Standards for the Old Towne Historic District discusses design standards of streetscapes, including walls and fences, on pages 28 through 29. The Eichler Design Standards similarly discusses the design standards of streetscapes, including walls and fences, in Chapter 6, pages 93 through 97.

Staff recognizes this concern and as such Staff suggests that Section 17.12.070.A.1(a) be revised as follows:

“All perimeter fences and walls shall be constructed on the property line unless a different location is permitted by the Community Development Director, or unless otherwise specified by the applicable design standards.”

The Planning Commission action should include this modification to the language of the ordinance as suggested by Staff.