

## HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

October 16, 2019

**HDRC CASE NO:** 2019-572  
**ADDRESS:** 1130 E CROCKETT ST  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** NCB 585 BLK 1 LOT N 89.6 FT OF 1  
**ZONING:** RM-4, H  
**CITY COUNCIL DIST.:** 2  
**DISTRICT:** Dignowity Hill Historic District  
**APPLICANT:** KENDALL WHITSON DAVID  
**OWNER:** whitson kendall/KENDALL WHITSON DAVID  
**TYPE OF WORK:** Fencing  
**APPLICATION RECEIVED:** September 24, 2019  
**60-DAY REVIEW:** November 23, 2019  
**CASE MANAGER:** Huy Pham  
**REQUEST:**

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval to construct a four (4) foot high “double-loop ornamental wire” fence.

### APPLICABLE CITATIONS:

5.Guidelines for Site Elements

2.Fences and Walls

#### B.NEW FENCES AND WALLS

- i. *Design*—New fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character. Design of fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure.
- ii. *Location*—Avoid installing a fence or wall in a location where one did not historically exist, particularly within the front yard. The appropriateness of a front yard fence or wall is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences or wall should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them.
- iii. *Height*—Limit the height of new fences and walls within the front yard to a maximum of four feet. The appropriateness of a front yard fence is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district. New front yard fences should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. If a taller fence or wall existed historically, additional height may be considered. The height of a new retaining wall should not exceed the height of the slope it retains.
- iv. *Prohibited materials*—Do not use exposed concrete masonry units (CMU), Keystone or similar interlocking retaining wall systems, concrete block, vinyl fencing, or chain link fencing.
- v. *Appropriate materials*—Construct new fences or walls of materials similar to fence materials historically used in the district. Select materials that are similar in scale, texture, color, and form as those historically used in the district, and that are compatible with the main structure. Screening incompatible uses—Review alternative fence heights and materials for appropriateness where residential properties are adjacent to commercial or other potentially incompatible uses.

### FINDINGS:

- a. The primary historic structure at 1130 E Crockett was constructed in the Craftsman style and contributes to the Dignowity Hill Historic District, at the corner of E Crockett and N Pine. The one-story single-family structure features a primary front-facing gabled roof with composition shingles, wood siding, wood sash windows, square columns, exposed rafter tails and gable brackets. The grade of the corner lot is raised by approximately 18 to 21 inches and surrounded by a concrete retaining wall with a horizontal tile detail.
- b. FENCE DESIGN – The applicant has proposed to install a double-loop ornamental wire front yard fence with a white wood picket pedestrian gate at the walk way. Per the Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.i., new fences and walls should appear similar to those used historically within the district in terms of their scale, transparency, and character, design of fence should respond to the design and materials of the house or main structure. Staff finds that the ornamental wire fence is appropriate to the Craftsman style structure and is found on the E 1100 Block of E Crockett, namely 1120 E Crockett.
- c. FENCE LOCATION – The applicant has proposed a front fence line spanning across E Crockett to the front, N Pine to the side, and turning to meet the corner of the house before the rear driveway. Per the Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.ii., Avoid installing a fence or wall in a location where one did not historically exist, particularly

within the front yard; the appropriateness of a front yard fence or wall is dependent on conditions within a specific historic district; new front yard fences or wall should not be introduced within historic districts that have not historically had them. Staff finds the proposed fence line is consistent with the Guidelines.

- d. FENCE HEIGHT – The applicant has proposed to install a fence with a maximum height of 48 inches. Staff finds that proposed height to be consistent with the Guidelines for Site Elements 2.B.iii..

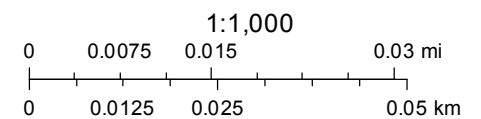
**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval based on findings b through d with the stipulation that no portion of the fence exceeds 4 feet in height.

# 1130 E Crockett



October 3, 2019



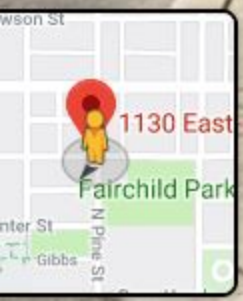




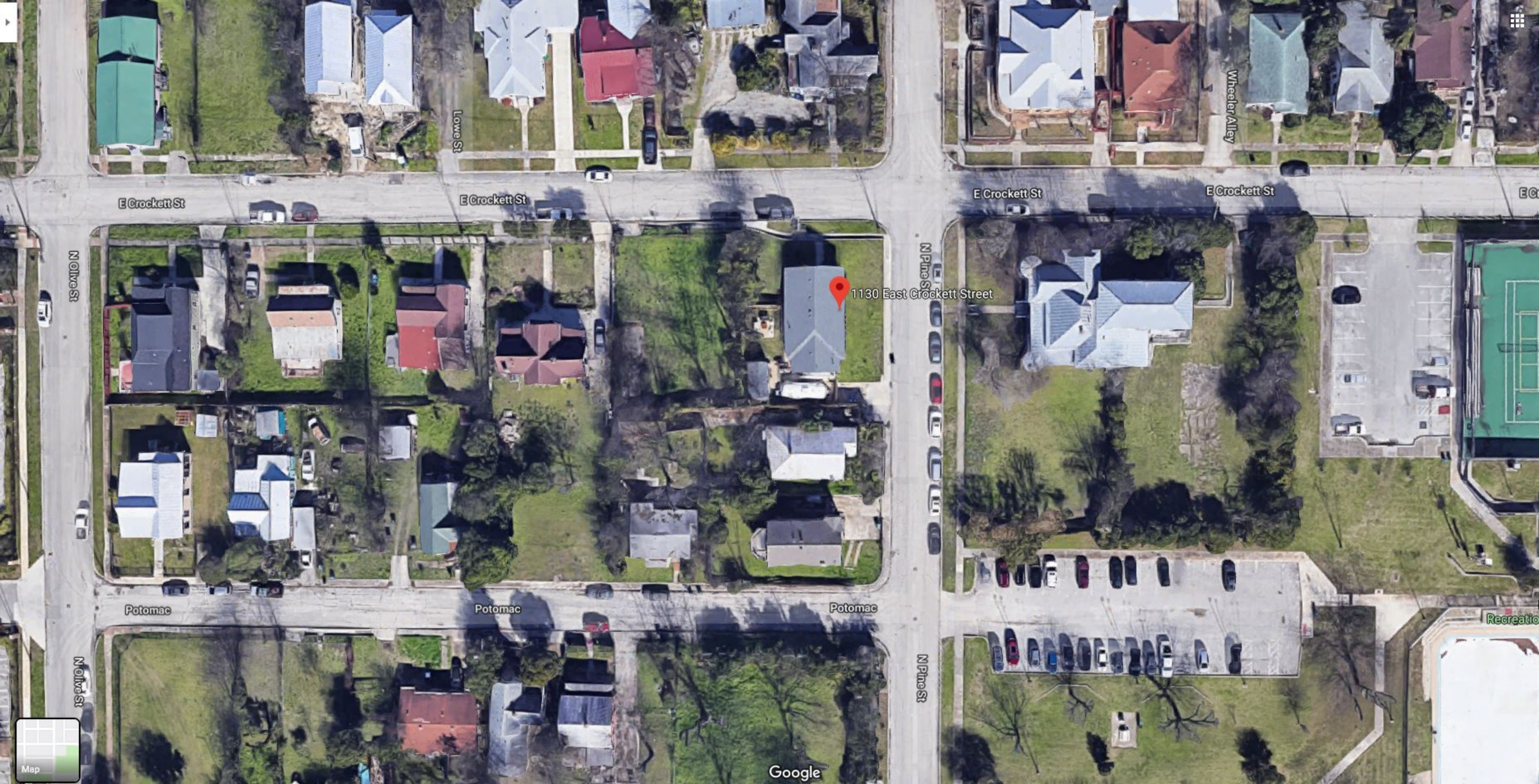
1130 East Crockett Street

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Wheeler Alley

E Crockett St

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Lowe St

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E Crockett St

N Olive St

N Olive St

N Pine St

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**PROPOSAL FOR ADDING A FENCE TO 1130 E. CROCKETT ST., 78202**

We are wanting to add a fence to secure our property. Neighbors on all sides of our home have fencing. Currently, our immediate neighbors have chain-link fencing.

Our fence proposal (site plan attached) is to install:

- Four (4) foot high “double-loop ornamental wire” fencing. (Photo example attached). This fence is utilized one house West of us at 1120 E. Crockett, and at many homes within the King William District, and the other downtown historic districts.
- 4” un-peeled cedar posts (not extending above the fence line, placed on the inside of the fence. There will be no top or bottom rail.
- The fence would encompass the areas not currently fenced on the property sides facing E. Crockett St. and N. Pine St.
- We are proposing one gate of a white picket style, forty-eight (48) inches wide and approximately forty-two (42) to forty-eight (48) inches high.

Crockett St.

new fence

new fence  
gate 48"

N ↑

Fence 6' tall

Porch

House

new fence

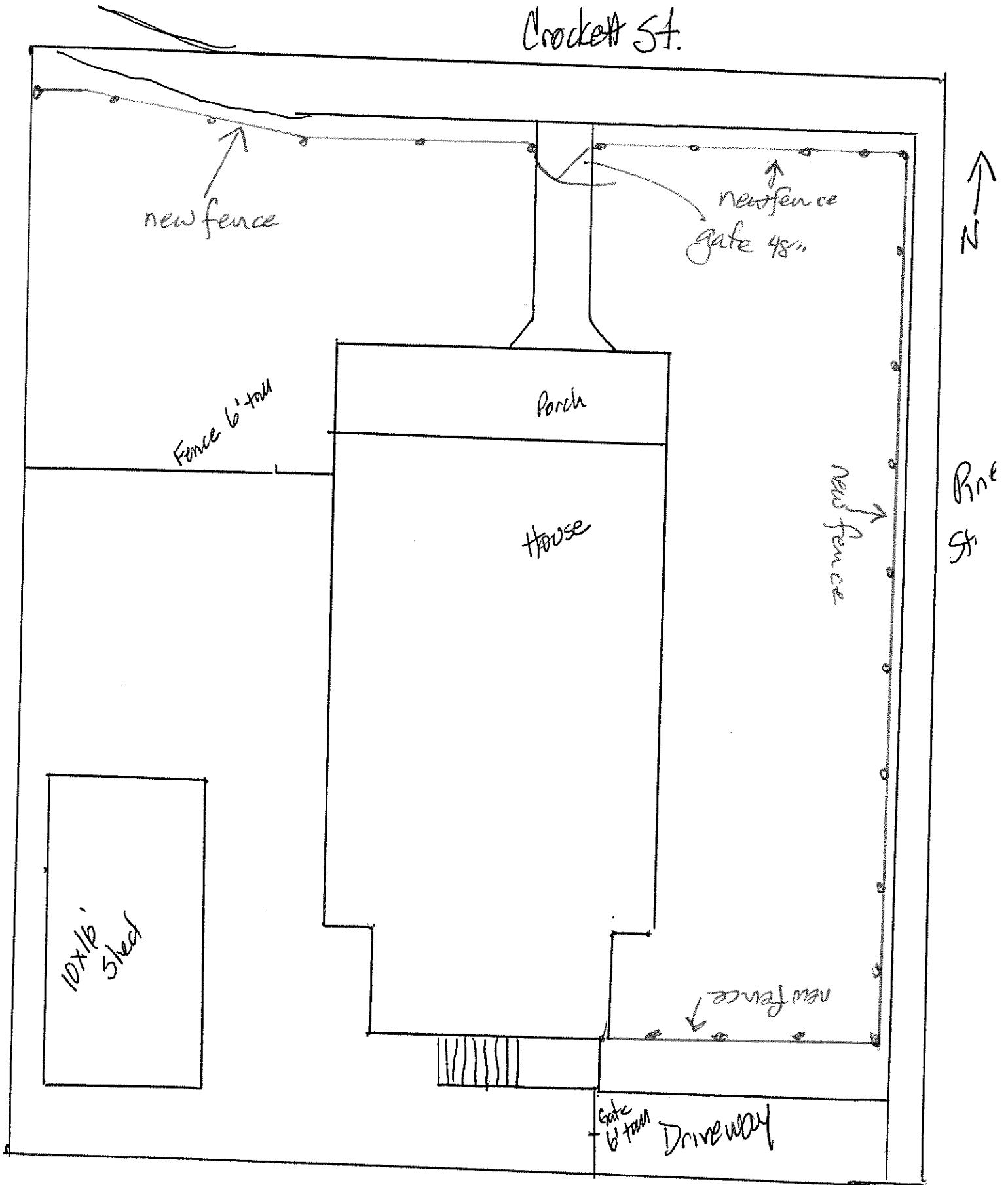
Pine St.

10x16'  
shed

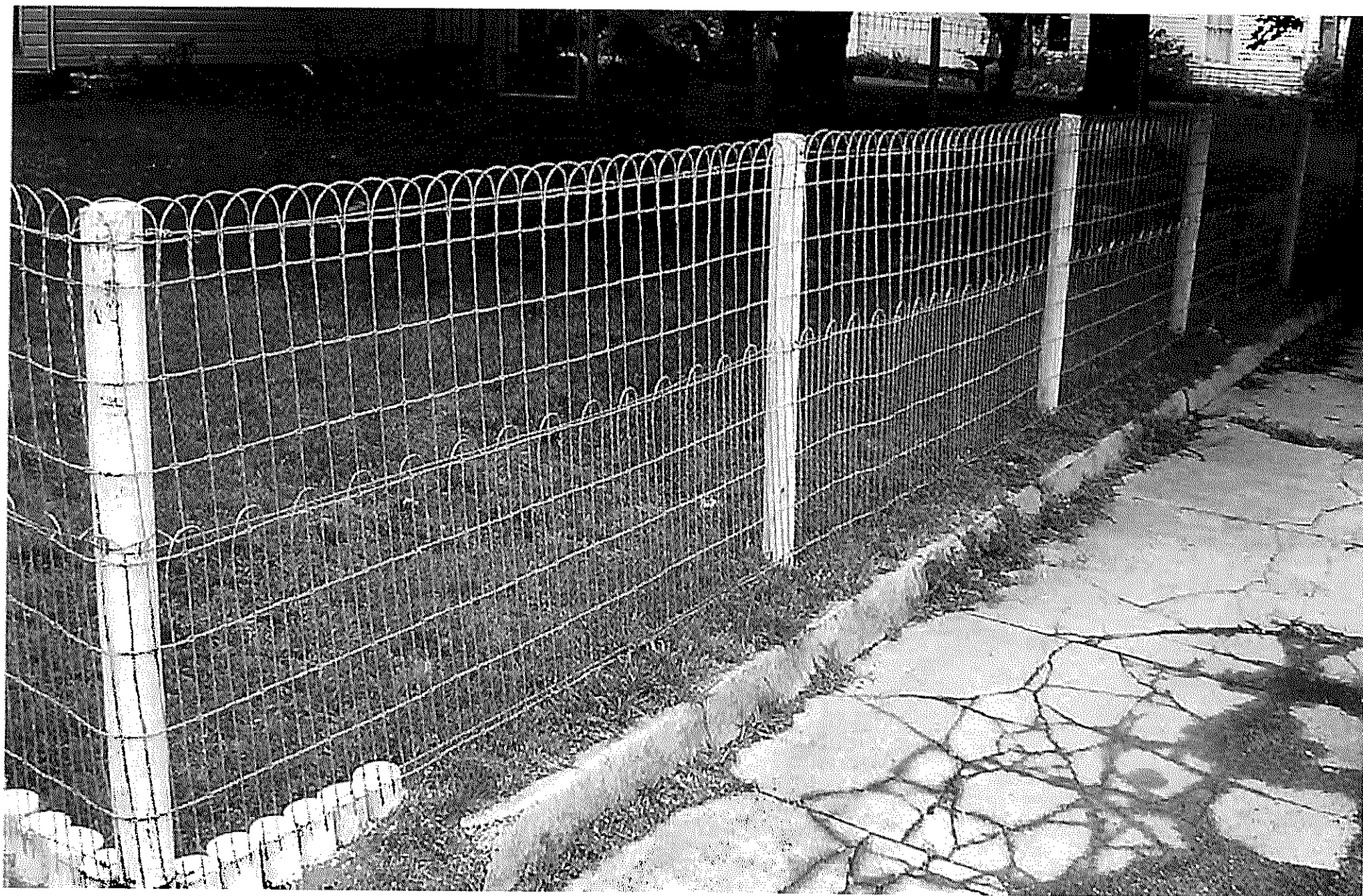
new fence

Gate 6' tall

Driveway











Pickets would be flat on top

— Cross members  
would be straight

48" w x 42-48" high