Case #: COA2023-059  
Staff: Heather M. Bratland  
Applicant: Bradley Cokendolpher

LOCATION  
District: West End Historic Overlay District  
Street: 515 Jersey Avenue, Winston-Salem  
Building: Martin House #240  
Status: Contributing  
Local Historic Landmark#: n/a

REQUEST(S)  
- After-the-fact installation of a rear-yard fence

APPLICABLE DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS  
West End Historic Overlay District Design Review Standards available at: https://www.cityofws.org/DocumentCenter/View/4089

STAFF COMMENTS  
This application was submitted as a minor work project. When staff conducted a site visit to confirm specifics about siting and visibility from the street, we found that the fence had already been installed. Therefore, the application was held for Commission review.

STAFF FINDING  
Commission staff finds that the project is not incongruous with the character of the West End Historic Overlay District because:

1) The fence is located in an area of low visibility. One 70’ section will run along the rear property line. A 17’ section with a 4’ gate will connect the rear corner of the house to the southern property line. A 26’ section with an 8’ double gate will connect the rear corner of the house to the northern property line. The fence will be constructed from dog-eared wooden boards and will be 6’ high. The fence will minimize its impact on the special character of the West End and property. Wood is an appropriate fence material in areas of low visibility, and soldi fences are appropriate in rear yards when not adjacent to the street. The fence will be constructed with its structural side facing in toward the rear yard. (Fences, West End Standards 2, 4-6)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION  
Based on the preceding finding, staff recommends that the Commission approve COA2023-059 at 515 Jersey Avenue (PIN 6825-77-9312) within the West End Historic Overlay District, with the following conditions:

1) The commercial sign shall be removed from the fence within ninety (90) days; and

2) The applicant shall submit the Certificate of Appropriateness Request for Certification of Completed Work form and photo documentation of the completed project to HRC staff within ten (10) days of its completion.