

# **City of Senoia**

## **Historical Preservation Commission**

### **Guidelines for Accessory Structures and Fences**

Accessory Structure - A building, structure, or use on the same lot with, and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to, the principal building or use. Examples would include detached garages or tool sheds.

#### *Accessory Structures*

Location - Existing historic accessory structures are generally found within the back yard of the lot. To be compatible with this pattern, permanent new accessory structures should be placed within the back yard where feasible. Existing historic accessory structures placed in back yards are often visible from the public way; this is acceptable with new accessory structures as well. If utility tool shed is required to be in the side yard, it shall be required to be obscured by landscaping.

Design – The accessory structure shall be in proportion with the primary structure. It shall be required that the structure have a similar roof pitch as the primary structure. Architectural features should be copied in the case where the accessory structure is a carriage house or detached garage.

Materials – Materials shall be similar to that of the primary structure.

Demolition - Removal of detached accessory tool sheds that are not architecturally or historically significant does not require a Certificate of Appropriateness. However, existing carriage houses and garages shall be preserved whenever feasible; demolition of such shall be in accordance with Chapter 39 of the City of Senoia Code of Ordinances.

Replacement of Features – Features that have worn out, including but not limited to garage doors and other entry features, shall be replaced with a design based on accurate documentation or a new design that is compatible in form, scale, size, placement and finish.

#### *Fences*

Location – Fences located in the front yard, as defined by the City of Senoia Zoning Ordinance shall not be greater than four feet. Rear and side yard fences shall not exceed six feet in height in the historic district of Senoia.

Materials- Fences shall be made of wood, metal, stone or brick. Chain link and wire fences are not appropriate.

Design – The fence shall be a design that is compatible in form, scale, size, placement and finish.

Replacement and repair – Repair with like materials shall not require review by the Historic Preservation Commission. In the case when a replacement of the fence is necessary the owner shall preserve all architectural features that are character-defining elements of original fences and walls, including gates, granite pillars, hardware, decorative pickets, and rails.

Corner lots –When a lot is located on the corner of two or more streets, it shall be required that the height of the fence along the primary and secondary street frontage not exceed four feet. It shall be further required that the fence be constructed of either wood, stone, brick, wrought iron or aluminum, excluding chain link.