

City of Sumter Design Review Board

July 24, 2025

HP-25-15 344 W Calhoun St. (City)

I. THE REQUEST

Applicant:	Charlotte Slader
Status of the Applicant:	Authorized Agent for Property Owner
Request:	Request for Design Review Approval to construct a new 6 ft. wooden privacy fence in the rear yard and a 4 ft. black aluminum fence to enclose an existing pool.
District:	Hampton Park Historic District
Location:	344 W Calhoun St
Present Use/Zoning:	Single Family Residential / Residential-9 (R-9)
Tax Map Reference:	228-11-01-027
Adjacent Property Land Use and Zoning:	North – Single-Family Residence / Residential-9 (R-9) South – Single-Family Residence / Residential-9 (R-9) East – Single-Family Residence / Residential-9 (R-9) West – Single-Family Residence / Residential-9 (R-9)

II. BACKGROUND

The applicant is requesting Design Review Board approval to construct a 6-ft-tall wooden privacy fence along the side and rear of a property to fully enclose the backyard, as well as a 4-foot black aluminum fence to surround the pool area.

344 W Calhoun St. shown in the photo to the right, was acquired by the applicant in 2025. The property currently contains a +/- 3,472 sq. ft. single-family dwelling on a +/- 0.41-acre lot.



ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORIC CONTEXT:

According to the 1985 Historic Resources Survey, the property's existing single-family residence was constructed circa 1920. The Sumter County Assessor's Office also lists the construction date as 1920.

The residence is a 1.5 story rectangular clapboard front gable ended house with a pedimented projecting porch. The porch is supported by a tapered wooden pillar which is set on brick piers.

344 W Calhoun St. is a contributing structure to the fabric of the Hampton Park Historic District based both on its age and architectural details.

There have been no previous design review approvals for this property.

PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK:

The proposed project includes:

1. Construct a 6 ft.-tall wooden privacy fence along side and rear of the property.
2. Construct a 4 ft. tall black aluminum safety fence around the inground pool.



Figure 1 - Aerial View of Property at 344 W Calhoun St.



Figure 2: Proposed location of pool fence



Figure 3: View of rear yard from rear property line

Diagrams and images for the proposed scope of work are illustrated below.



Figure 2 - Illustrative Sample of Wood Fence Style
(supplied by applicant)



Figure 3 - Illustrative Sample of Black Aluminum Fence Style
(supplied by applicant)

DESIGN REVIEW:

Design review approval is required prior to the proposed work. The *Design Review Guidelines* states:

5.2 Fences and Walls

B. Choose new fencing that enhances the architecture of the building.

- *Select a fence design that relates to the style and character of the building.*
- *Use traditional materials to build new fences or use appropriate contemporary materials with a traditional appearance.*
- *Limit front yard fencing to open designs, such as painted wood picket or simple wrought iron fencing that will not obscure views of the building from the street.*
- *Avoid incompatible fencing along prominent, visible property lines.*
- *Do not exceed fence heights of 4 feet on the front property line and six feet on side and rear yards.*

Staff Analysis:

To fully enclose the rear yard with a 6-foot-tall wooden privacy fence, and to install a 4-foot-tall black aluminum safety fence around the perimeter of the inground pool located in the rear of the property.

The new fence is complimentary to the style and character of the house along with the neighborhood as a whole.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff is **supportive** of this request.

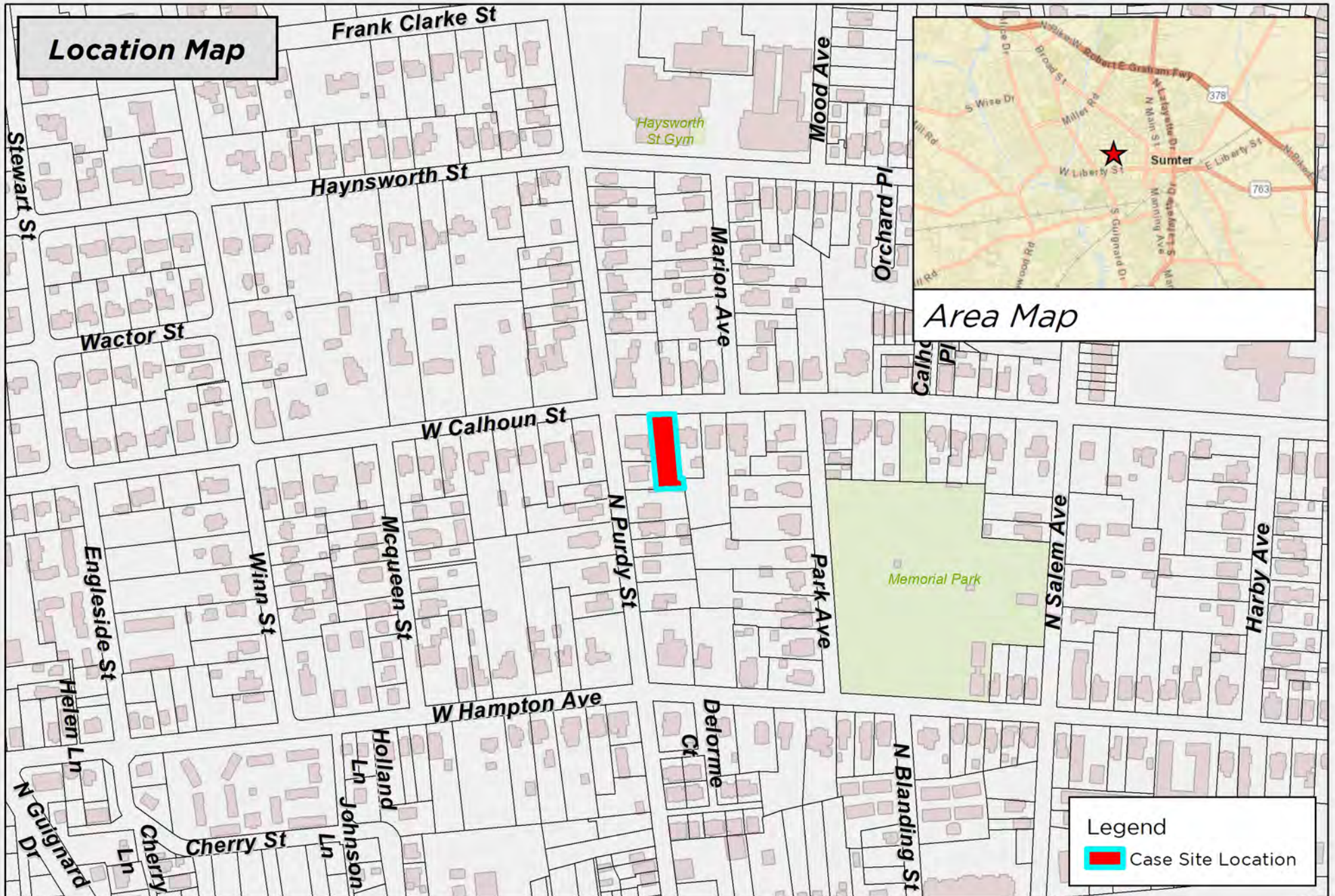
The proposed alterations (size, style, and location) are consistent with the Design Review Guidelines.

IV. DRAFT MOTION

- 1) I move the City of Sumter Design Review Board **approve** HP-25-15 in accordance with the materials and construction details submitted.
- 2) I move the City of Sumter Design Review Board **deny** HP-25-15.
- 3) I move the City of Sumter Design Review Board enter an alternative motion.

V. HISTORIC PRESERVATION – July 24, 2025

Location Map



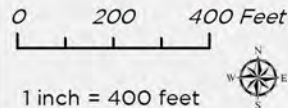
Area Map



Legend

 Case Site Location

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