

Historic Preservation Commission

Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 10th, 2026

Case #: HPC-31-26

Site Address: 50 Sherwood
Parcel ID: 31-05-22-1-107-007.000
Applicant: Roger Bedford
Owner: Roger Bedford

Proposed Work: Petition for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a fence on the property located at 50 Sherwood Drive in the Sherwood Drive Historic District (Council District 4).

Current Zoning: SFR-1H

Historic District: Sherwood Drive Historic District
Architectural Style: Split Level
Year Built: 1959
Contributing: Yes
Historic Survey: Sherwood Drive Historic Survey

Resource 19. #50 Sherwood Drive. 1959. One and one half story, split level of brick and wood frame, side gable roof of asphalt shingles, interior brick chimney of stretcher brick with soldier brick course, double lead wood and glass panel doors with flanking side lights and transom, 1/1 double hung sash windows, on half story the windows have surrounds that include a cornice, on first story windows have header brick sills, attached carport with engaged roof.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

On April 1, 2026, a letter of violation was sent to the property owner for construction of a fence without proper approvals from the city. The property owner has not submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness for review.

Prior to the violation letter and a stop work order being placed, the petitioner constructed a 9' 8" tall fence surrounding the side and rear property lines of the subject property. The unfinished side of the fence is facing the exterior of the property.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Wood slat is listed as an appropriate material for fences per the Design Guidelines. Per the Design Guidelines, the owner should "present the finished side of all fences to the exterior of the property being fenced," and should "not exceed the average height of fences and walls of comparable type and location found on adjacent properties, generally not to exceed six (6) feet."

APPLICABLE DESIGN GUIDELINES:

D. Fences and Walls

- Design fences and walls to maintain the overall continuity of the district as viewed from public rights-of-way.
- Complement the buildings and do not detract from their character and relation to their neighbors with the design, scale, placement, and materials of fences, walls, and gates.
- Locate fences and walls no closer to the street than the side yard setback of any structure adjacent to a side street.
- Do not exceed the average height of fences and walls of comparable type and location found on adjacent properties, generally not to exceed six (6) feet.
- Present the finished side of all fences to the exterior of the property being fenced.
- Relate scale, height, materials and level of ornateness of the design of new fences and walls to that of the existing structure and/or its neighbors.

Examples of Appropriate Fence Materials:

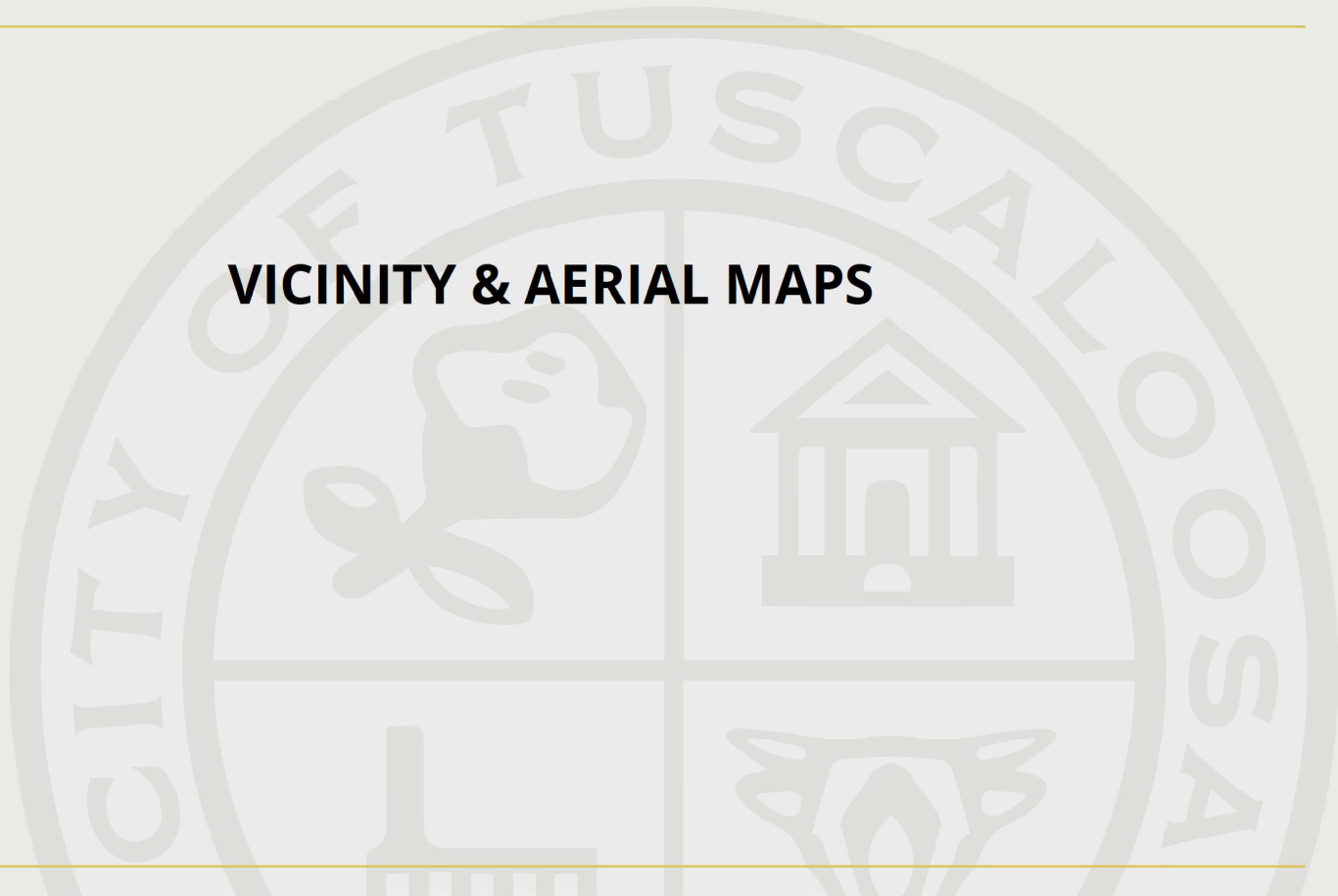
- Wood picket
- Wood slat
- Wood lattice
- Iron
- Brick
- Stone
- Stucco over masonry
- Historically appropriate wire

Examples of Inappropriate Fence Materials:

- Chain link
- Stockade
- Post and rail
- Unstuccoed concrete block
- Masonite
- Plastic
- Plywood or asbestos panels
- Vinyl

- Powder-coated aluminum mimicking cast/wrought iron

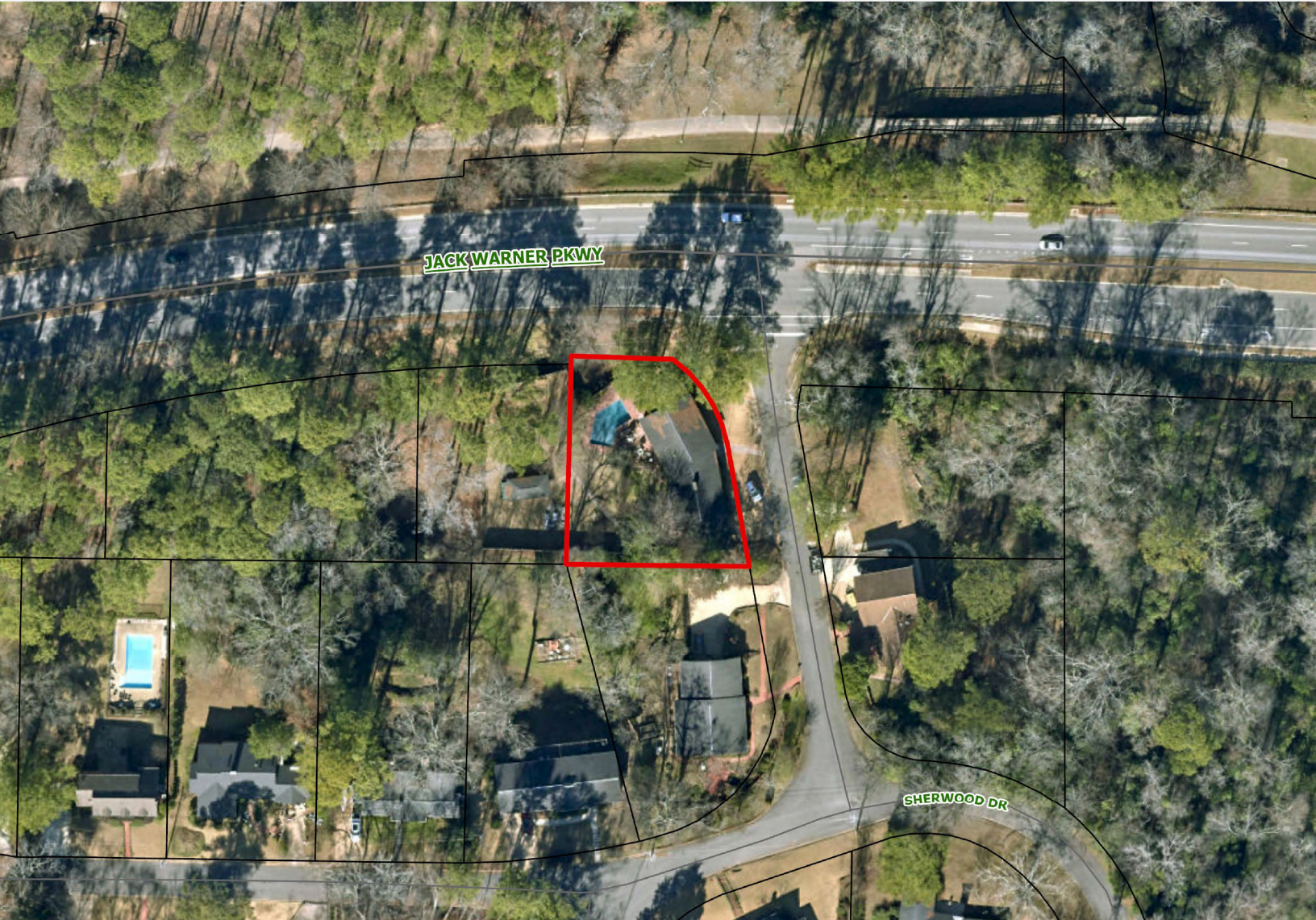
VICINITY & AERIAL MAPS





50 Sherwood Drive

1 inch = 80 feet
0 40 80 120 160 Feet



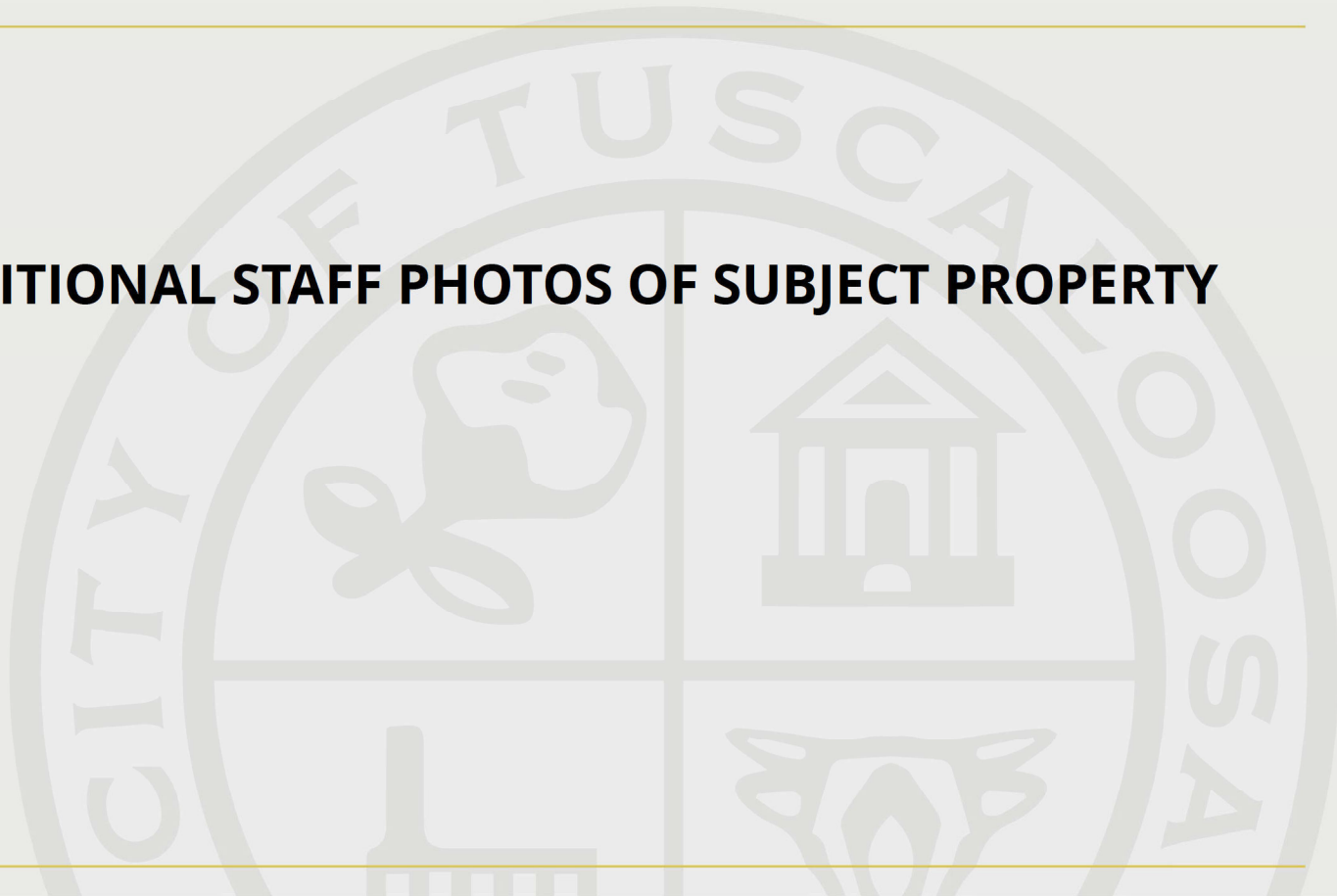


50 Sherwood Drive

1 inch = 625 feet
0 300 600 900 1,200 Feet



ADDITIONAL STAFF PHOTOS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY











DO NOT REMOVE!
NOTICE
STOP WORK
BY ORDER OF
CITY OF TUSCALOOSA

City Hall Building • 2201 University Blvd • Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 248-5110

Date 2/17/26

Notice is Heresby Given Owner or Contractor

Location of Work 50 Sherwood Drive 6-115 City of Tuscaloosa

This work is being done in violation of Section _____

Code which requires a permit

Section _____

of the _____

Code is being violated in the work authorized under _____

Permit No. _____

Stop Work

Remarks Need Permit & Historic Council approval

Work May Be Resumed when permit is posted

Please See That Indicated Violations are Corrected Not Later Than Feb 24 26

By S. REX Building Official





STAFF PHOTOS OF ADJACENT PROPERTIES

