



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR WORK APPROVAL

City of Detroit - Planning & Development Department
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808
Detroit, Michigan 48226

APPLICATION ID
HDC2026-00006

PROPERTY INFORMATION

ADDRESS(ES): 1656 W. Boston Blvd.
HISTORIC DISTRICT: Boston-Edison

SCOPE OF WORK: (Check ALL that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows/ Doors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walls/ Siding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof/Gutters/ Chimney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Porch/Deck/Balcony | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage | <input type="checkbox"/> New Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Addition | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Improvements (landscape, trees, fences, patios, etc.) | |

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

On the rear of the house: partial demolition of existing non-original 9' x 12' enclosed porch. Move exterior wall of the remaining porch structure toward the house resulting in a smaller enclosed porch, 9' x 7'. Add wood deck to cover the area of the removed structure (9' x 5') plus an adjacent 12' x 12' section. Railing proposed to be black aluminum.

APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION

TYPE OF APPLICANT: Property Owner/Homeowner			
NAME: STEVEN SORENSON	COMPANY NAME: N/A		
ADDRESS: 1656 W. Boston Blvd.	CITY: Detroit	STATE: MI	ZIP: 48206
PHONE: +1 (313) 949-7555	EMAIL: SORENSONSTEVE@COMCAST.NET		

I AGREE TO AND AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- I understand that the failure to upload all required documentation may result in extended review times for my project and/or a denied application.
- I understand that the review of this application by the Historic District Commission does not waive my responsibility to comply with any other applicable ordinances including obtaining appropriate permits (building, sign, etc.) or other department approvals prior to beginning the work.
- I hereby certify that I am the legal owner and/or occupant of the subject property and that the information on this application is true and correct.
- As required by the state Local Historic Districts Act, [Act 169 of 1970](#) (MCL399.205), I hereby certify that the property where work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed project completion date, a fire alarm system or a smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, [1972 PA 230, MCL 125.1501 to 125.1531](#).

Signed by: STEVEN SORENSON <small>A7DE1CA9DE5F408...</small>	01/12/2026
SIGNATURE	DATE

NOTE: Based on the scope of work, additional documentation may be required. See www.detroitmi.gov/hdc for scope-specific requirements.

PROJECT DETAILS – TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Instructions: Add project details using the text box in each section. If your details exceed the space provided, attach the details via the attachment icon for that section.

ePLANS PERMIT NUMBER: <small>(only applicable if you've already applied for permits through ePLANS)</small>	N/A
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GENERAL

<p>1. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING CONDITION <i>Please tell us about the current appearance and conditions of the areas you want to change. You may use a few sentences or attach a separate prepared document on the right. (For example, "existing roof on my garage is covered in gray asphalt shingles in poor condition.")</i></p> <p>Existing house is 1919 red brick Georgian Revival style. The rear of the house has an enclosed 9' x 12' porch which appears to have been added at some later date, with wood siding. This porch is sagging as it gets further from the house. This porch is not a heated space.</p>	
<p>2. PHOTOGRAPHS <i>Help us understand your project. Please attach photographs of all areas where work is proposed.</i></p>	
<p>3. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT <i>In this box, tell us about what you want to do at the areas described above in box #1. (For example, "Install new asphalt shingle roofing at garage.")</i></p> <p>We propose to remove the sagging part of the porch, replace with a wood deck and add additional deck space adjacent to it. The additional area we propose to cover with a deck is currently covered partly by gravel and partly by grass. The railing of the deck is proposed to be black aluminum.</p>	
<p>4. DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK <i>In this box, please describe all steps necessary to complete the work described in box #3. (For example, "remove existing shingles, replace wood deck as necessary, replace wood eaves, install roof vents, replace rotted fascia boards, paint, clean worksite.")</i></p> <p>1) Demolish rear 9' x 5' section of existing enclosed porch. 2) Construct new exterior porch wall to result in a 9' x 7' enclosed porch. Exterior color to remain same as existing west-facing wall. 3) Move existing screen door and window to this relocated north-facing rear wall. Existing west-facing and east-facing windows will be removed. 4) Construct wood deck at same level of porch floor to fill the 9' x 5' footprint previously occupied by the demolished section of the porch.</p>	
<p>5. BROCHURES/CUT SHEETS <i>Please provide information on the products or materials you are proposing to install. For example, a brochure on the brand and color of the shingles proposed.</i></p>	

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

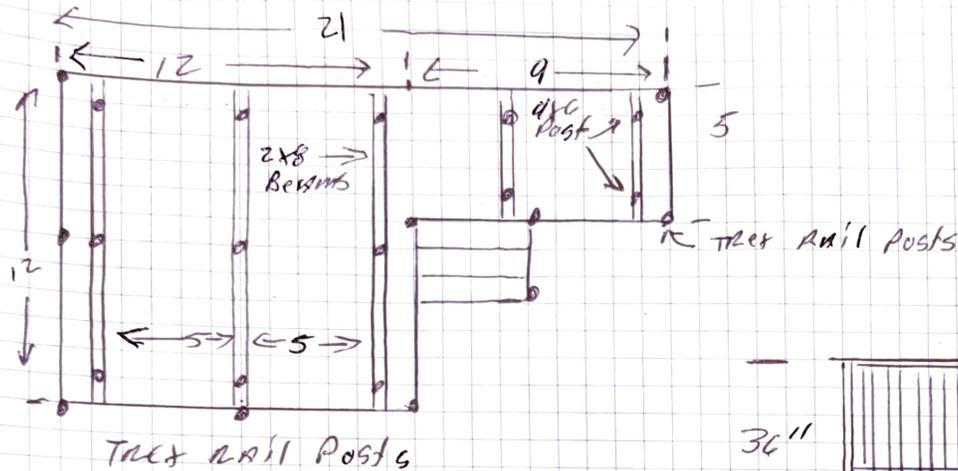
<p>6. WINDOWS/DOORS <i>Detailed photographs of window(s) and/or door(s) proposed for replacement showing the condition of the interior and exterior of the window(s) and/or door(s)</i></p>	
<p>7. DEMOLITION <i>If demolition is proposed for reasons of structural failure or catastrophic damage, please provide illustrated report from structural engineer or licensed architect.</i></p>	



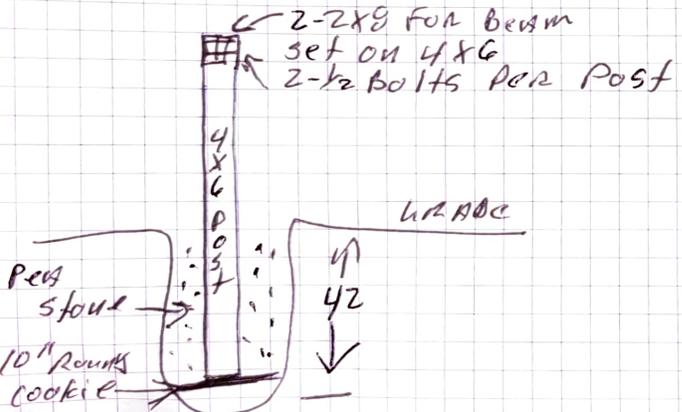
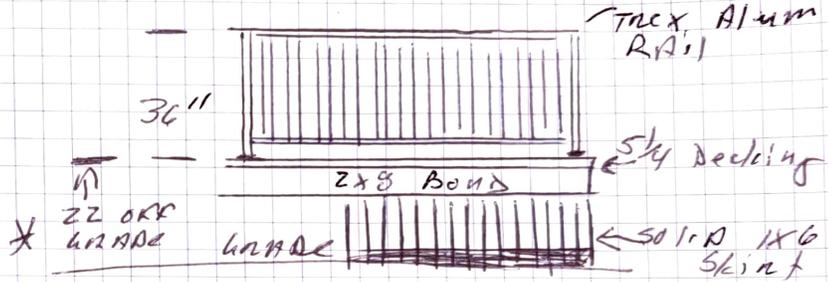




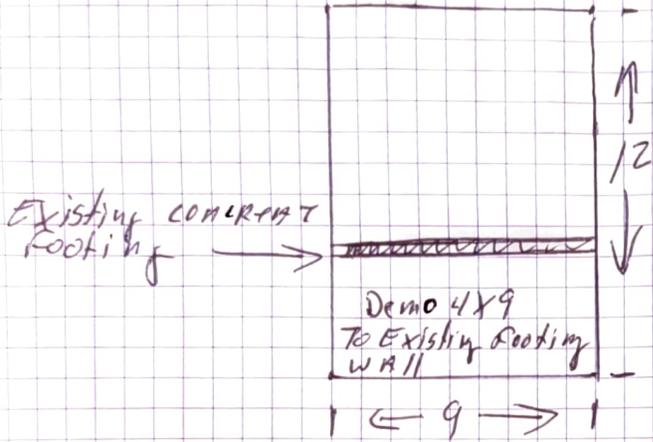




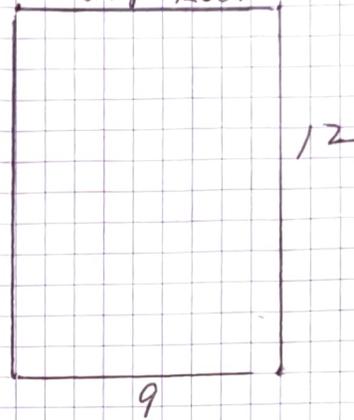
- 1 sgr = 1 ft
- 4x6 TREATED Posts
- 2x8 Beams TREATED
- 2x8 Joists 16" O/C
- 5/4x6 TREATED Decking
- TREX Alum Rail



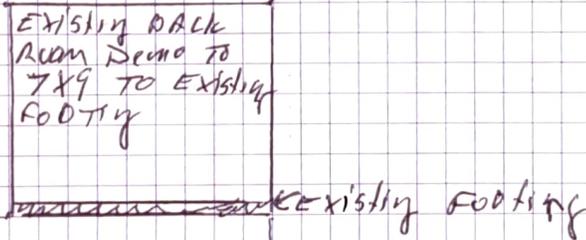
Existing Back Porch



Existing ROOF



Existing BACK ROOM Demo TO 7x9 TO Existing FOOTING



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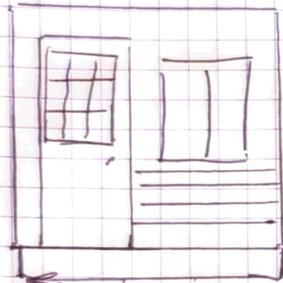
New ROOF



House

New Deck



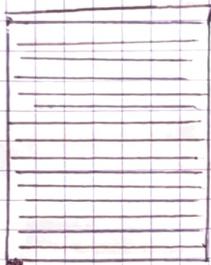


Front view

LAP siding

Existing footing

Leave Existing ROOF.



← 1x6 LAP siding

side view
Remove existing window



CERTIFIED SURVEY

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

THE LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF DETROIT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 422 BOSTON BOULEVARD SUB, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 29 OF PLATS, PAGE 23, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS

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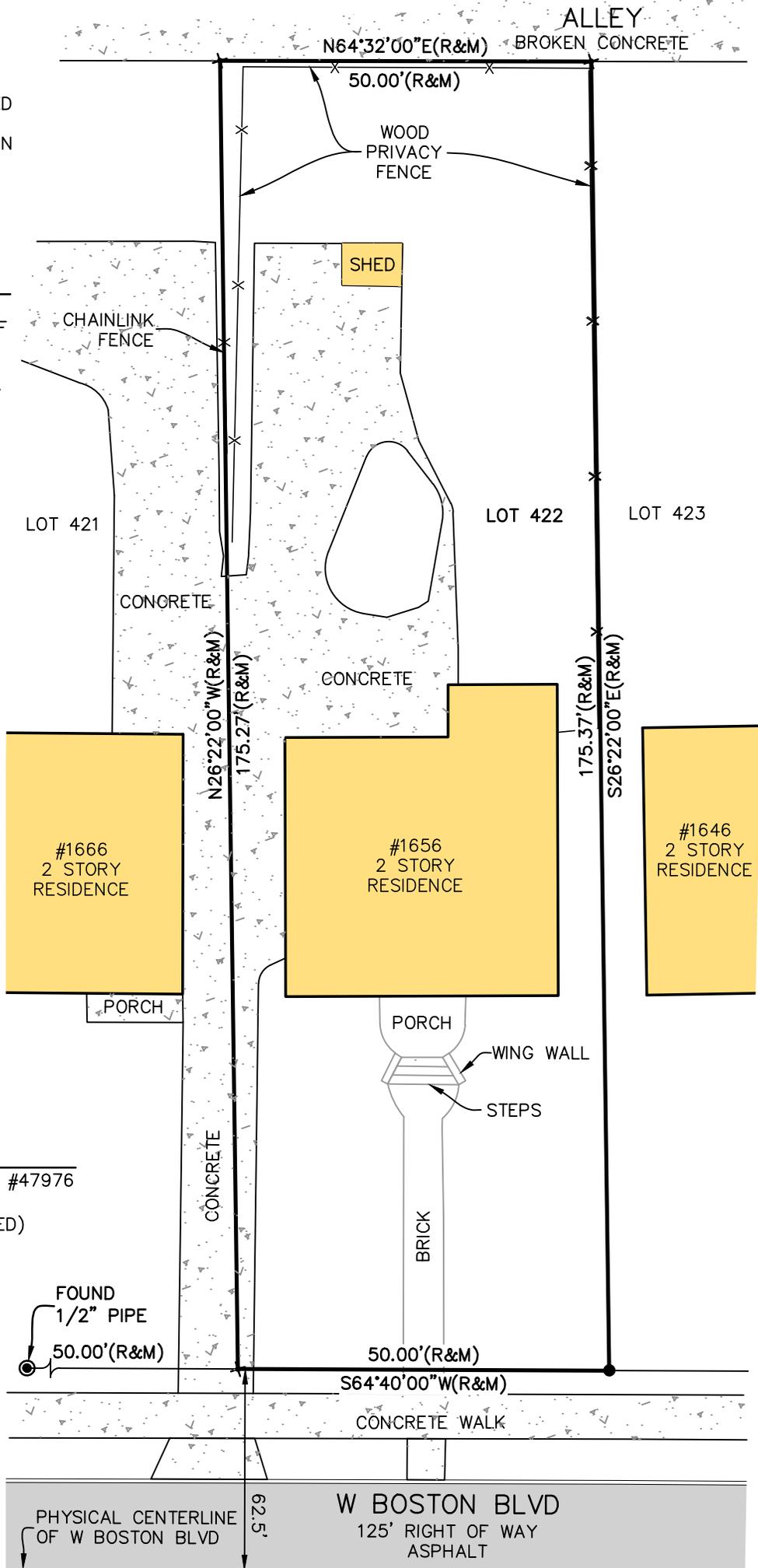


SCALE: 1"=20'



LEGEND

- SET 1/2" REBAR WITH CAP, #47976
- × SET X-CUT
- ⊙ FOUND MONUMENT (AS NOTED)
- (M) MEASURED DIMENSION
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I CERTIFY THAT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR 1970 PA 132, MCL 54.213 HAVE BEEN MET, AND THAT THE RELATIVE POSITIONAL PRECISION IDENTIFIED FOR THIS SURVEY AND SHOWN ON THE MAP ARE WITHIN THE LIMITS ACCEPTED BY THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING.

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CERTIFIED TO: STEVE SORENSON	
FIELD SURVEY: ZM MD	DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2025
DRAWN BY: JO	SHEET: 1 OF 1
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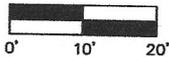
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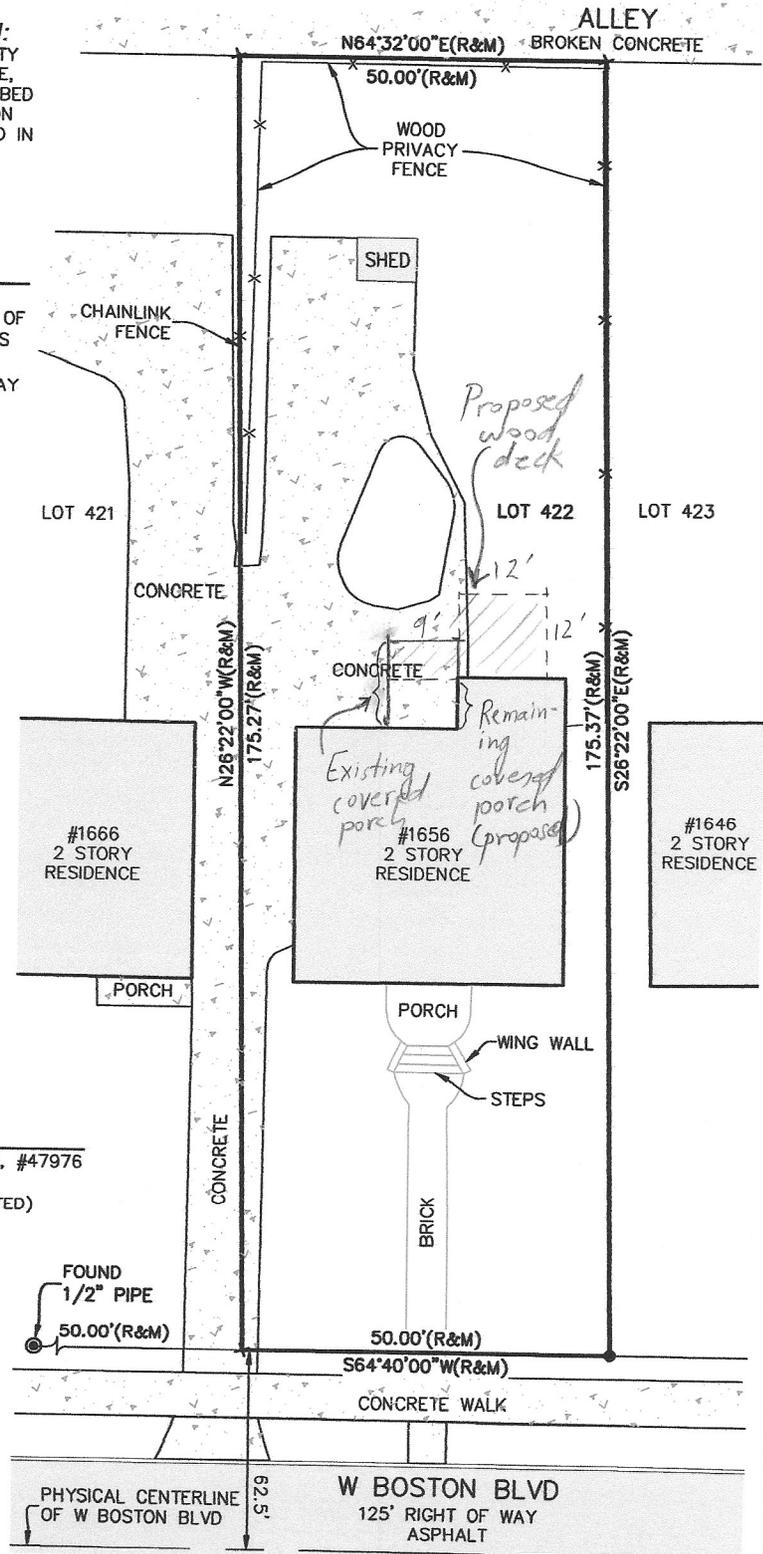


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TREX SIGNATURE® ALUMINUM RAILING EXCEPTIONAL STRENGTH, TRADITIONAL STYLE

Trex Signature railing is comprised of premium aluminum and finished with top-tier powder coating over all exposed surfaces. Exploring a range from contemporary to industrial designs, Trex Signature railing is offered in elegant neutrals and various configurations. With long-lasting beauty and unmatched durability, allow Signature railing to frame your view.

RAILING COMPONENTS



Aluminum post with cap and skirt



Aluminum crossover post with skirt



Aluminum posts with premounted brackets, cap and skirt



Aluminum top and bottom rail



Square aluminum baluster



Round aluminum baluster



Mounting and support hardware

COMPONENT	ORIENTATION	HEIGHTS	WIDTHS	COLORS
Aluminum Post with Cap & Skirt	Horizontal	37" (939 mm) 43" (109 cm)	2.5" x 2.5" (63 mm x 63 mm)	WT, BZ, BK
	Stair	53" (134 cm)		
Aluminum Crossover Post with Skirt	Horizontal	36" (914 mm) 42" (106 cm)	2.5" x 2.5" (63 mm x 63 mm)	WT, BZ, BK
Aluminum Post with Premounted Brackets, Cap & Skirt	Line End Corner	37" (939 mm) 43" (109 cm)	2.5" x 2.5" (63 mm x 63 mm)	BK



RAIL KITS



Aluminum Rail & Square Baluster Kit



Aluminum Rail & Round Baluster Kit

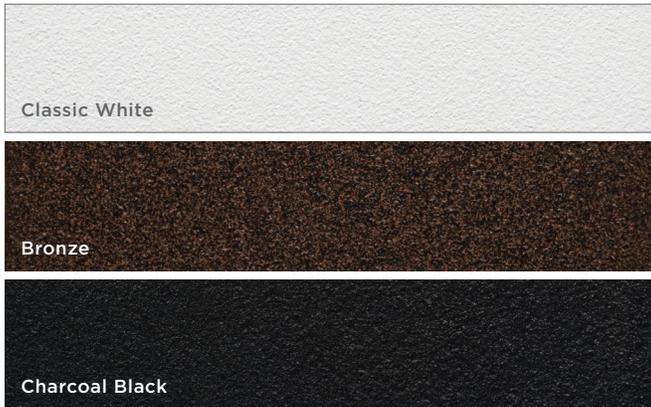


Aluminum Assembled Square Baluster Panel

COMPONENT	ORIENTATION	HEIGHTS	LENGTHS	COLORS
Aluminum Rail & Square Baluster Kit	Horizontal	36" (914 mm)	6' (182 cm)	WT, BZ, BK
	Stair	42" (106 cm)	8' (243 cm)	
Aluminum Rail & Round Baluster Kit	Horizontal	36" (914 mm)	6' (182 cm)	BK
	Stair	42" (106 cm)	8' (243 cm)	
Aluminum Assembled Square Baluster Panel	Horizontal	36" (914 mm)	4' (122 cm)	BK
		42" (106 cm)	6' (182 cm)	
			8' (243 cm)	

COLORS

Aluminum



CODE REQUIREMENTS

Trex Signature Railing meets both IRC and IBC designated requirements in accordance with ICC-ES AC174 and ASTM D7032. Refer to Code Compliance Report CCRR-0202 for specific details.

HARDWARE

Tabless Fixed Brackets

Brackets with tabs removed to work with assembled panels, glass railing and mesh railing.

Includes 2 top rail brackets with covers, 2 bottom rail brackets with covers, 1 fastener pack and (2) 3M VHB adhesive tabs.



Fixed Brackets

Supplementary brackets for horizontal and stair cut rail sections.

Includes 2 top rail brackets with covers, 2 bottom rail brackets with covers and 1 fastener pack.



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