



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R179 - 2023

Introduced by the Administration on October 18, 2023

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 141 N. 10th Street

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS a Certificate of Appropriateness is required under the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania No.167, June 13, 1961 (P.L.282) known as the Pennsylvania Historic District Act; and City of Allentown has adopted a Historic District Ordinance, Article 1391, under the provisions allowed in the Pennsylvania Historic District Act; and

WHEREAS the owner, Gus Kirkopoulos, applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to legalize the removal of the rear porch roof, as described in the attached final report; and

WHEREAS the HARB held a meeting on said matter on October 2, 2023, where the owner was in attendance; and

WHEREAS based on the statements and evidence presented, the HARB made the following findings of fact, as detailed in the attached case report:

1. The rear porch roof was highly visible from Hazel Street and from Allentown Cemetery.
2. The applicant received a first notice of violation for removing the rear porch roof on May 12, 2023, and a second notice of violation on July 24, 2023.
3. The insurance letter submitted in the application does not state that the property owner was required to remove the porch roof.
4. The porch roof should have been repaired or reconstructed rather than removed to address any issues related to condition.

WHEREAS, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB agreed on the motion not to legalize the removal of the rear porch roof as proposed, and recommended to City Council denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness as detailed in the attached case report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Allentown that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby denied for the above referenced exterior alteration.