



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 47

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by the Administration on February 15, 2023

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1024 W. Chew 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, Jessica Cancel, applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a vent at the Howard Street elevation, as described in the attached final report; and

WHEREAS the HARB held a meeting on said matter on February 6, 2023, where a representative for the applicant was in attendance via a computing device; 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 exterior vent would be highly visible and is located on a contributing secondary façade.
2. The vent would provide a secondary heat source for the applicant and would not serve to vent the primary heat source.
3. The proposed vent does not comply with Chapter 3, Section 3.8 Mechanical & Utility Equipment.
4. The application also proposes to repoint brick. Provided an appropriate mortar is approved, the pointing work complies with Chapter 3, Section 3.3 Masonry and can be approved by staff.

WHEREAS, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB agreed on the motion to allow the repointing of brick with an appropriate mortar but not to allow the installation of the vent on the Howard Street façade as proposed, and recommended to City Council denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the vent 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 vent alteration.