



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION R124 - 2023**

***Introduced by the Administration on July 19, 2023***

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Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1033 ½ W. Court Street

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***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, Harding Castro, applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the rear second-story porch and infill an opening, as described in the attached final report; and

**WHEREAS** the HARB held a meeting on said matter on July 10, 2023, where a representative for the applicant 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 is visible from Peach Street and is considered a contributing secondary façade.
2. Demolition would not comply with Chapter 3, Section 3.7 Porches & Steps.
3. The porch could be repaired and/or reconstructed.
4. Its removal would disrupt the historic form, scale, and massing of the rears of the buildings in the row and surrounding neighborhood.

**WHEREAS**, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB agreed on the motion not to allow the demolition of the rear porch and infilling of the opening as proposed, and recommended to City Council denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of the porch and infilling of the opening 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.