

## CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. RESOLUTION R93 - 2023

## Introduced by the Administration on May 17, 2023

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 616 N. 6th 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, Maria Tavarez, applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to legalize tile on the front porch, as described in the attached final report; and

WHEREAS the HARB held a meeting on said matter on May 1, 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 applicant is not responsible for removing the historic wood porch floor and installing concrete, though the applicant did install tile on the concrete porch.
- 2. The tile does not comply with Chapter 3, Section 3.7 Porches & Steps.
- 3. Removing the tile from the concrete may cause significant damage, and its impact should be considered.

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