

**CITY OF ALLENTOWN  
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
FINAL REVIEW SHEET  
January 10, 2018**

**Case #HDC-2018-00040**– Proposal to continue installation of the satellite dish installed on the front of the building.

**Property located at:** 425 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**Agenda #1**

**Historic District:** Old Allentown

**Case #** HDC-2018-00040

**Meeting date:** January 7, 2019

**Property Owner:** Sylvince Azor

**Address:** 425 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, Allentown, PA  
18102

**Applicant:** same

**Applicant's Address:** same

**Building description, period, style, defining features:** This structure is a 2 bay, 2 ½ story painted end-of-row brick dwelling with gable roof, dormer, projecting bracketed cornice, 1 over 1 double hung windows with carved Eastlake lintels, full front porch and full front porch with turned posts and square balusters. The building dates from c. 1895 and is Eastlake in style.



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**Proposed alterations:** It is proposed to continue installation of the satellite dish installed on the front of the building.

**Staff Approvals:** n/a

**Background:** n/a

**Violations:** May 8, 2012 – Installed two satellite dishes on front porch roof. Dishes removed.

December 5, 2018 – Satellite dish installed on front of building.

**Guideline Citation: Allentown Guidelines for Historic Districts:** 5. Guidelines for Existing Buildings and Structures, 1. Repairs, Replacement and Alternative Materials, 15. Mechanical, Electrical and Communications - *Guidelines 5.1.15: "Mechanical, electrical, and communications equipment and devices such as ventilation louvers, fans, alarms, cable boxes, utility meters, intercoms, satellite dishes and security cameras should be mounted on secondary facades. Equipment and devices should be mounted in an unobtrusive location or painted to minimize their visual impact.*

*-Mounting mechanical, electrical, and communications equipment and devices on a primary façade is not appropriate.*

*-Equipment such as a satellite dishes should not be mounted on sloped roofs visible from the public Right-of-Way on which the building fronts.*

**Evaluation, effect on historic district, recommendations:** The dish should be removed and relocated to a less visible side (rear).

**Discussion:** The applicant did not attend the HARB meeting. The HARB debated whether to table the case or to deny it. Mr. Kimmerly said the applicant/owner had not indicated willingness to move the satellite dish when he spoke with him, but he was willing to try again to get compliance if the HARB tabled the case. The HARB concluded, however, that this was a clear

violation and should be denied. They were not confident compliance would or could be achieved without a denial.

**Motion:** The HARB upon motion by Mr. Huber and seconded by Mr. Fillman adopted the proposal that City Council DENY a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work described herein:

1. The proposal to continue the installation of a satellite dish on the front of the building at 425 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street was not represented.
2. The installation is a clear violation of the historic design guidelines and must be removed from the front façade.
3. The satellite dish should be relocated to one of the rear flat roof areas of the building not visible from the street.

The proposal to DENY a COA was unanimously approved. (6-0; motion carried; Fillman, Huber, Jackson, Olson, Roberts, Sell)