



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 29763

RESOLUTION

R7 - 2019

Introduced by the Administration on January 16, 2019

Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 425 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, Sylvince Azor applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to continue the installation of a satellite dish on the front of the building at 425 N 10th Street as described on the attached Case Report; and

WHEREAS, the HARB held a meeting on said matter on January 7, 2019, which did not include representatives of the property owner; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented, the HARB made the following findings of fact, as detailed in the attached Case Report:

1. Discussion of this project was difficult without the attendance of the applicant.
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.

WHEREAS on January 7, 2019, based on the above findings of fact, the HARB 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 alteration.

| | Yea | Nay |
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| Candida Affa | X | |
| Julio A. Guridy | X | |
| Daryl Hendricks | X | |
| Cynthia Mota | X | |
| Courtney Robinson | X | |
| Ed Zucal | X | |
| Roger MacLean, Pres. | X | |
| TOTAL | 7 | 0 |

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 29763 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 6th day of February, 2019, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.



City Clerk

**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 10th Street

Agenda #1

Historic District: Old Allentown

Case # HDC-2018-00040

Meeting date: January 7, 2019

Property Owner: Sylvince Azor

Address: 425 N 10th 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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Street View - Oct 2014



Allentown, Pennsylvania

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Street View - Sep 2017

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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