



## CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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### RESOLUTION

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*Introduced by the Administration on November 17, 2021*

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Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness –322 N. 8<sup>th</sup> 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, Michel Brack applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace an existing natural, octagonally shaped slate roof with new three-tab of fishscale asphalt shingles, and

**WHEREAS** the HARB held a meeting on said matter on November 1, 2021, and due to the inappropriate replacement materials proposed per the Guidelines for Historic Districts and tabled to allow the applicant an additional opportunity to find an appropriate replacement material with a recommendation to research synthetic slate that replicates the color, tab shape and size of the existing roof; and

**WHEREAS** the HARB held a special meeting on said matter on November 12, 2021, with a written statement from the applicant that due to the cost and difficulty securing a contractor that he understood his application would be denied, and

**WHEREAS**, based on the evidence presented and the requirements of the Guidelines for Historic Districts the HARB made the following findings of fact, as detailed in the attached Case Report:

1. Based on the application materials the roof needs replacement.
2. The application proposed a replacement material that does not match the existing slate roof size, color, or tab shape.

**WHEREAS** on November 1, 2021, based on the application materials, the HARB indicated what changes in plans and specifications would enable a recommendation for approval.

**WHEREAS** the applicant decided not to make the recommended changes, and

**WHEREAS** on November 12, 2021, 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.