



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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

**RESOLUTION**

**R70 - 2024**

***Introduced by the Administration on April 17, 2023***

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Denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness – 1111 W. Turner 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, Joan Ferreras, applied to the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) for a Certificate of Appropriateness to legalize the repair work done on his roof, as described in the attached final report; and

**WHEREAS** the HARB held a meeting on said matter on April 1, 2024, where Mr. Ferreras participated virtually through MS Teams; 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 roof replacement material is not an in-kind replacement. From reviewing Google Street View images prior to the replacement, the original roofing was a 3-tab shingle; yet the replacement material is an architectural shingle with an exaggerated taper and overlap, which is not a suitable alternate for historic slate roofing. It does appear that an adjacent house has a similar architectural shingle, while the neighboring house in the other direction has slate roofing.
2. The replacement roofing material does not comply with Chapter 3, Section 3.1.19 of the Allentown Guidelines for Historic Districts (re: Replacing non-historic roofing materials in-kind or with recommended alternates), which states in part, that replacement materials should match the existing in color, pattern, shape, and profile. Based on the information gleaned from online sources and the photograph evidence shared by the applicant, the material does not meet the guidelines as an in-kind replacement.

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