

Detroit Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION 20-02

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Michigan Local Historic District Act, Being MCL 399.205(10), authorizes the Detroit Historic District Commission to “delegate the issuance of certificates of appropriateness for the specified minor classes of work to its staff or another delegated authority,” and “the commission shall provide to the delegated authority specific written standards for issuing certificates of appropriateness”; and,

WHEREAS, the 2019 Detroit City Code, being Section 21-2-57(b), authorizes the Detroit Historic District Commission to delegate the issuance of certificates of appropriateness for specified minor classes of work to its staff; and,

WHEREAS, the Detroit Historic District Commission recognizes the emergency conditions represented by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the present urgency of making immediate temporary alterations to certain existing conditions in exterior physical environments within Historic Districts in the interest of physical distancing or other measures critical to a successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic; including but not limited to reasons of public health, community stability, economic activity; and feasible reopening of businesses, schools, houses of worship, and other community facilities; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Detroit Historic District Commission delegates the authority to staff to administratively issue Certificates of Appropriateness for any such historically-appropriate modifications or alterations necessary to temporarily alter exterior physical environments consistent with a temporary and necessary response to the threat of COVID-19, with the condition that such modifications or alterations are determined by staff to be appropriate according to the defined elements of design for the district and the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation (36 CFR Part 67); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby issues a Notice to Proceed, citing condition 4 of Section 21-2-75, that in “the interest of the majority of the community,” applications for historically inappropriate modifications or alterations necessary to temporarily alter exterior physical environments in response to the threat of COVID-19 are hereby approved subject to receipt and recordation by staff, and with the condition that such modifications or alterations be undertaken in such a manner that when removed as per the timeframe outlined in this resolution, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this order shall be in effect through November 30, 2020, or as otherwise extended by the Commission; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those environments altered via benefit of this Notice to Proceed shall be restored to an appropriate historic condition no later than 180 days after the

final expiration of this order, absent the issue of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Commission.

Dated: June 10, 2020

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