

Detroit Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION 21-07

Additional Administrative Approval Authority for Historic Districts

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Michigan Local Historic District Act, Being MCL 399.205(10), authorizes the Detroit Historic District Commission (the “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 Commission recognizes the public interest served by identifying minor scopes of work not subject to Commission review; therefore,

WHEREAS, the Commission has approved Resolution 21-04 on May 5, 2021, which standardized staff reporting and review requirements concerning administratively approvable scope; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission identifies the following additional scopes of work as approvable by staff under the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and the relevant district Elements of Design, and that Commission guidelines be rewritten to formalize these authorizations:

- Removal of incompatible, non-historic, or historically inappropriate siding, finishes, or elements on any part of a resource, including but not limited to types of asphalt siding meant to convey an artificial “brick” appearance; e.g. “Insul-Brick.”
- Removal and replacement of incompatible, non-historic, or historically inappropriate elements, including windows, doors and storefront systems, on any part of a resource, with historically appropriate replacements
- Where windows or doors are missing entirely, installation of historically appropriate replacements in original historic openings
- Where fire or other catastrophic damage has occurred, installation of temporary (180 days or fewer) enclosures, fences, or other elements intended to secure and safeguard persons or property

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such extended staff authority shall be subject to the same reporting and review requirements for administratively approvable work already established in Resolution 21-04.

Dated: November 10, 2021

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