

2/14/23

**NOTICE OF DENIAL**

Kyle Phillips  
Longtree Tree Service LLC  
3846 Greenfield Rd.  
Berkley, MI 48072

**RE: Application Number 23-8210; 19515 Roslyn; Sherwood Forest Historic District**

Dear Applicant,

At the Regular Meeting that was held on February 8, 2023, the Detroit Historic District Commission ("DHDC") reviewed the above-referenced application. Pursuant to Section 5(1) and 9(1) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205 (1), MCL 399.209 (9) and Sections 21-2-78 and 21-2-80 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; the DHDC hereby issues a Denial for the following work, effective on February 14, 2023, as it will be inappropriate according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the district's Elements of Design:

- ***The removal of the front yard honey locust tree***

The Commission's reason for denial is that the removal of the honey locust destroys the historic character of this property and removes distinctive, character-defining features for the following reasons:

- The tree was identified in the historic designation slide and contributes to the historic landscape of the property and the neighborhood.
- There is no evidence that the tree is in poor health, poor condition, nor causing any damage to historic resources.

Therefore, this work fails to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, specifically Standards:

*2) The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.*

*4) Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.*

The application may be resubmitted for the Historic District Commission's review when suggested changes have been made that address the cited reasons for denial, if applicable. Please be advised that, in accordance with MCL 399. 211 and Section 21-2-81 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, an applicant aggrieved by a decision of the DHDC may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Review Board. Within sixty (60) days of your receipt of this notice, an appeal may be filed with:

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If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact staff at 313-224-1762 or hdc@detroitmi.gov.  
For the Commission:



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