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SR-1 – OBJECTIVE STAFF REPORT (03-27-2026)

This report, prepared by staff, summarizes the proposed scope of work, the existing conditions at the property, and any factual background information. No PDD/HDC staff analysis/opinion is included.

ADDRESS: 541 LODGE STREET

MEETING DATE: 04-08-2026

APPLICATION NUMBER: HDC2026-00059

HISTORIC DISTRICT: BERRY SUBDIVISION

APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: ALVIN TAYLOR

DATE OF PROVISIONALLY COMPLETE APPLICATION: 02-20-2026

DATE(S) OF STAFF SITE VISIT: 03-23-2026

SCOPE PHRASE FOR AGENDA: INSTALL SECURITY LIGHTS*

PUBLIC HEARING PER 21-2-77: NO

SUMMARY OF SCOPE OF WORK:

Based on staff review of the submitted documents, the following work is proposed:

- **Install two (2) security lights**
 - Security lights were installed; one at the northwest corner and one at the northeast corner of the house.

MISSING INFORMATION, CLARIFICATION, OR OTHER ITEMS RELATING TO A COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK:

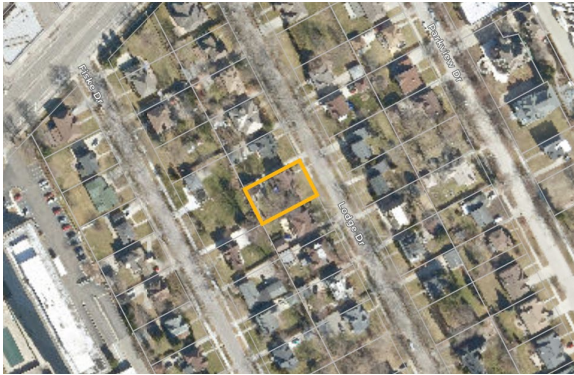
- No further information is needed at this time.

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

- 541 Lodge is a two-and-a-half story residential building. Located in the middle of the block between East Jefferson Avenue and Dwight Street, this Neo-Georgian style house features a flat facing brick veneer with low pitched roof with dentiled soffits, a sunroom, and a detached garage. The house sits on a 0.206-acre parcel that is 75 feet wide and 120 feet long.



Staff photo, front view, 03/23/2026



541 Lodge, Detroit Parcel Viewer

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The property received a permit on June 4, 1982 to remove four (4) trees from rear area, and to install five (5) vents in rear area of attic and eave vents.
- In February of 1998, the Property received a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of an existing asphalt shingle roof with a new asphalt shingle roof in a dark brown shingle.
- There is no record of approval from the HDC for the installation of security lighting.
 - In January of 2026, a Notice of Work Observed Letter was sent to the property owner for the installation of security lighting.

DISTRICT INFORMATION/SIGNIFICANCE:

- The Historic District Advisory Report states the following: *The history of Berry Subdivision reflects the economic history of Detroit the years from the beginning of the automobile industry to the Great Depression. The houses of the historical development are typical of the upper-middle to upper income residence of the period from 1916 to 1929.*
- Built in 1921, the house is a contributing resource to the district.
- Link to [District Elements of Design](#)

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