

June 8, 2023

Historic District Commission (HDC)

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your communication dated January 20, 2023. I apologize for the delayed response and submission of the enclosed application. I am requesting approval for the retention of a security camera located on the personal property at 19435 Canterbury, Detroit, MI 48221.

As a proud resident and owner of 19435 Canterbury, located within the Sherwood Forest subdivision, a designated historical district, I too am committed to the preservation of this special community and the protection of people. I believe that these values are congruent with the overall goals of the Commission.

Therefore, and in compliance with your January 2023 letter, please find enclosed my completed application and supporting documents for the retention of the security camera located on the property.

As background, the overall crime rate in the 12th precinct and surrounding areas has increased exponentially since the formation of the HDC in 1976. While only limited and recent data is available to me as a resident, I invite the HDC to consider the complete and historical crime data that is more readily available to them.

I have attached as Exhibit A the most recent crime data within Sherwood Forest from January 1, 2023, through May 23, 2023. There have been 16 *reported* crimes in less than five full months.

Please note that this data does not include the home invasion in the first degree that occurred on September 14, 2022, at 19451 Canterbury. Nor does it include the reporting to the 12th precinct for the squatting incident resulting in open gunfire located just two doors away. Personally, I have experienced the theft of numerous items, including but not limited to a vehicle.

These incidents were the nemesis to the installation of the security camera, which the 12th Precinct has been informed of. In fact, they welcome it as a contribution to the safety of the community and as a practical tool to utilize for the apprehension of perpetrators in the area.

Exhibit B are photographs of the security camera and its placement on private property. It sits away from the main dwelling structure and was intentionally designed to blend in with the natural surroundings, as shown by the attached photo. Again, consistent with the overall goals of the HDC, it does not interfere with the overall integrity of the architectural structure of the property or the neighborhood; rather, it enhances the safety within the neighborhood, which is directly related to maintaining values and the retention of new residents to the area.

Finally, neighbors surrounding me also welcome the camera. If requested by this commission, my neighbors will sign an affidavit to that effect.

In conclusion, and taking into consideration the positive contributions and local law enforcement support, I am requesting that the HDC please consider the approval of this application. I look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Lewnau
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Exhibit A

JAN 1ST THRU MAY 23RD 2023

SCOUT CAR AREA 12-04 (SHERWOOD FOREST)

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT- 1

ARSON- 0

BURGLARY- 1

HOMICIDE- 0

LARCENY FROM OTHER- 2

LARCENY FROM VEHICLES- 7

RAPE- 0

STOLEN VEHICLES-2

ROBBERY- 1

DAMAGE TO PROPETRY (MDP) - 2

Jgt. Bledsoe
(3) 596-1221

5/23/23

EXHIBIT B





Exhibit B

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST

CITY OF DETROIT
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, ROOM 808, DETROIT, MI 48226

DATE: June 8, 2023

PROPERTY INFORMATION

ADDRESS: 19435 Canterbury AKA: _____

HISTORIC DISTRICT: Shawwood Forest

APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION

Property Owner/Homeowner Contractor Tenant or Business Occupant Architect/Engineer/Consultant

NAME: William S. Lewnau COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: 19435 Canterbury CITY: Detroit STATE: MI ZIP: 48221

PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PROJECT REVIEW REQUEST CHECKLIST

Please attach the following documentation to your request:

- Photographs of ALL sides of existing building or site
- Detailed ^{enclosed} photographs of location of proposed work (photographs to show existing condition(s), design, color, & material)
- Description of existing conditions (including materials and design) *Explanation included*
- Description of project (if replacing any existing material(s), include an explanation as to why replacement--rather than repair--of existing and/or construction of new is required) *Explanation included*
- Detailed scope of work (formatted as bulleted list) *Explanation included*
- Brochure/cut sheets for proposed replacement material(s) and/or product(s), as applicable

NOTE:

Based on the scope of work, additional documentation may be required.
See www.detroitmi.gov/hdc for scope-specific requirements.

Upon receipt of this documentation, staff will review and inform you of the next steps toward obtaining your building permit from the Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) to perform the work.

SUBMIT COMPLETED REQUESTS TO **HDC@DETROITMI.GOV**