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**From:** Brenda Bell <[brendajesse2015@gmail.com](mailto:brendajesse2015@gmail.com)>

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**To:** Historic District Commission (Staff) <[hdc@detroitmi.gov](mailto:hdc@detroitmi.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Request for Window Approval/ Sherwood Forest Resident

Hi, My name is Brenda Bell. I have lived at 19540 Shrewsbury for over 37 years. I am writing for your help and approval to allow the weather Guard company to install 8 windows around my house. During these 37 years my family has had to endure windows that didn't have screens so I couldn't open them. My windows have now decayed and the metal is hard to maneuver. This house is 94 years old , built in 1928. I am asking you for 8 new windows after almost 100 years for my safety and my health.

A few instances where the windows risked my safety was a couple of years ago. I was in the kitchen when 4 men did not know I was home, 2 were in my backyard taking pictures of my vulnerable spots and then 2 men were in the car waiting in the front yard of the house. I called the patrol and they said other neighbors had called about them as well. I live on a corner house. They were looking for ways to get into these old windows. As they crank out very vividly to be seen. Another instance was last year I cranked out a window on the second floor as I was leaving the house. A red F-150 truck kept circling the block. I waited and watched a while as he kept circling. I was driving away but decided to go back and close the window that was cranked open for my safety.

I am a widow now and everybody in the neighborhood knows it. I need these new windows so badly for my safety as well as the structure of my walls. Some of the windows that don't have screens and cannot be opened, are in rooms where the walls are now starting to peel from the moisture of hot air and not being able to get fresh air in those rooms.

I realize that perhaps cameras would be a suggestion to be installed, but what good is a camera if you are asleep and someone is climbing in your window because it is cranked out into the street? These new windows would allow me peace of mind. I could slide the windows over and no one would even know it was open on the street if looking up. These windows look just like the old windows. They matched perfectly. I can only afford to purchase the 8 windows this year and with your approval, I can do more in the future.

I truly need your help . I am attaching a few photos to show as examples of broken, decayed windows, windows without screens, and peeling walls due to lack of air circulation.

I continue to hear from neighbors that my request will be denied but I am asking to say yes to a widow trying to keep up her house and stay living here in this historical neighborhood *safely* as long as I can with minimal fear of being broken into while I'm asleep. Please approve this window installation.

Thank you,

Brenda Bell