CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Application Date: January 23, 2022

Applicant: Gordon Stenger, owner / Jose Ramirez, agent

Property: 515 Columbia St, Lot 9, Block 287, Houston Heights Subdivision. The property includes a historic 820

square foot, one-story wood frame single-family residence and a detached garage situated on a 6,600

square foot (50' x 132') interior lot.

Significance: Contributing Gable-front Cottage residence, constructed circa 1910, located in the Houston Heights

South historic district.

Proposal: Alteration and Addition:

Restore the original contributing structure

· Repair the foundation as needed

Restore, repair, and replace (as needed) existing damaged siding

Restore, repair, and replace (as needed) existing windows

Restore, repair, and replace (as needed) existing doors

 Construct a 1,965 square foot two-story addition to the rear of the home bringing the total square footage to 2,754.

· Addition is inset and all 4 original corners shall be preserved

Install wood siding at proposed addition

Proposed maximum ridge height shall be 26'-9" (approximately)

Public Comment: No public comment received.

Civic Association: No comment received.

Recommendation: Approval with conditions:

The proposed plate height and eave height meet the measurable standards

- 1) Proposed First Floor Plate Height meet 10'-0" measurable standard requirement
- Proposed Eave Height (2 story) meet the 20'-0" measurable standard requirement

HAHC Action: -

APPROVAL CRITERIA

ALTERATIONS, REHABILITATIONS, RESTORATIONS AND ADDITIONS

Sec. 33-241: HAHC shall issue a certificate of appropriateness for the alteration, rehabilitation, restoration or addition of an exterior feature of (i) any landmark, (ii) protected landmark, (iii) any building, structure or object that is part of an archaeological site, or (iv) contributing building in a historic district upon finding that the application satisfies the following criteria, as applicable:

S	D	NA		S - satisfies D - does not satisfy NA - not applicable
\boxtimes			(1)	The proposed activity must retain and preserve the historical character of the property;
\boxtimes			(2)	The proposed activity must contribute to the continued availability of the property for a contemporary use;
\boxtimes			(3)	The proposed activity must recognize the building, structure, object or site as a product of its own time and avoid alterations that seek to create an earlier or later appearance;
\boxtimes			(4)	The proposed activity must preserve the distinguishing qualities or character of the building, structure, object or site and its environment;
			(5)	The proposed activity must maintain or replicate distinctive stylistic exterior features or examples of skilled craftsmanship that characterize the building, structure, object or site;
			(6)	New materials to be used for any exterior feature excluding what is visible from public alleys must be visually compatible with, but not necessarily the same as, the materials being replaced in form, design, texture, dimension and scale;
			(7)	The proposed replacement of exterior features, if any, should be based on an accurate duplication of features, substantiated by available historical, physical or pictorial evidence, where that evidence is available, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other structures;
\boxtimes			(8)	Proposed additions or alterations must be done in a manner that, if removed in the future, would leave unimpaired the essential form and integrity of the building, structure, object or site;
			(9)	The proposed design for any exterior alterations or addition must not destroy significant historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural material, including but not limited to siding, windows, doors and porch elements;
\boxtimes			(10)	The proposed alteration or addition must be compatible with the massing, size, scale material and character of the property and the context area; and
			(11)	The distance from the property line to the front and side walls, porches, and exterior features of any proposed addition or alteration must be compatible with the distance to the property line of similar elements of existing contributing structures in the context area.
				HEIGHTS DESIGN GUIDELINES
				In accordance with Sec. 33-276, the proposed activity must comply with the City Council approved Design Guidelines.



PROPERTY LOCATION

HEIGHTS SOUTH HISTORIC DISTRICT



HEIGHTS DESIGN GUIDELINES MEASURABLE STANDARDS

\boxtimes \square \square	Maximum Lot Coverage (Addition and New Construction)
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LOT SIZE	MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE			
<4000	.44 (44%)			
4000-4999	.44 (44%)			
5000-5999	.42 (42%)			
6000-6999	.40 (40%)			
7000-7999	.38 (38%)			
8000 +	.38 (38%)			

Existing Lot Size: 6,750 sq ft

Proposed Lot Coverage: 2,187 sq ft

Proposed Percentage: Less than 40% (max lot coverage 2,700 sq ft)

5 FT. 10 FT.	KEY	MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
	Δ	3 FT.	Minimum distance between side wall and the property line for lots less than 35 feet wide
Project		5 FT.	Minimum distance between the side wall and the property line
Project Site	0	REMAINING	Difference between minimum side setback of 5 feet and minimum cumulative side setback
		6 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for lots less than 35 feet wide
Street	Θ	10 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for a one-story house
Note: This diagram shows just one example of a side setback configuration.		15 FT.	Minimum cumulative side setback for a two-story house

Proposed side setback (1): 6'-3" ft

Proposed side setback (2): 23'-4" Ft

Cumulative side setback: 29'-7" ft

LOT SIZE	MAXIMUM FAR
<4000	.48
4000-4999	.48
5000-5999	.46
6000-6999	.44
7000-7999	.42
8000+	.40

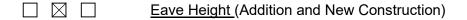
Existing Lot Size: 6,750 sq ft

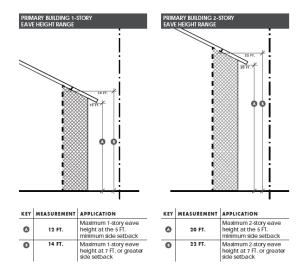
Proposed FAR: .44 (2,754 sq ft)

MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION
50 FT.	Maximum side wall length without inset (1-story)
40 FT.	Maximum side wall length without inset (2-story)
1 FT.	Minimum depth of inset section of side wall (1-story)
2 FT.	Minimum depth of inset section of side wall (2-story)
6 FT.	Minimum length of inset section of side wall

Inset depth: 2'-0"

Inset length: 6'-0"





Proposed eave height: 20'-10" (2 story)

Building Wall (Plate) Height (Addition and New Construction)

MEASUREMENT	APPLICATION	
36 IN.	Maximum finished floor height (as measured at the front of the structure)	
10 FT.	Maximum first floor plate height	
9 FT.	Maximum second floor plate height	

Proposed first floor plate height: 10'-6"

Proposed second floor plate height: 9'-0"

Existing first floor plate height: 10'-6"

The following Measurable Standards do not apply:

- Front Setbacks
- Rear Setbacks (significant distance from rear property line)
- Porch Eave Height
- Front Wall Width and Insets
- Front Porch Width and Depth
- Detached Garage Ridge Height

INVENTORY PHOTOS





CURRENT PHOTOS





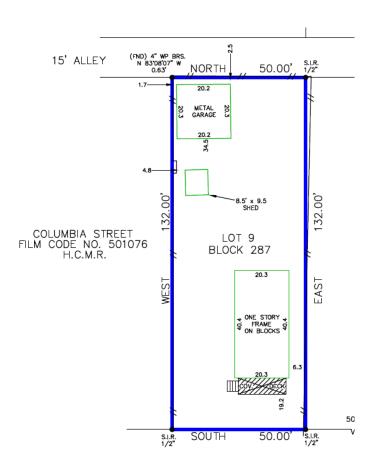


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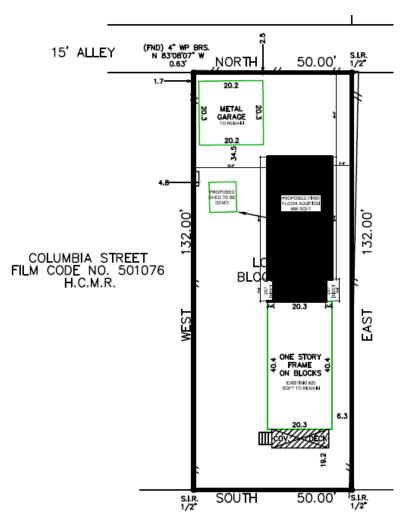
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515 COLUMBIA STREET (70' R.O.W.)

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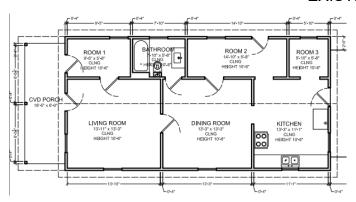
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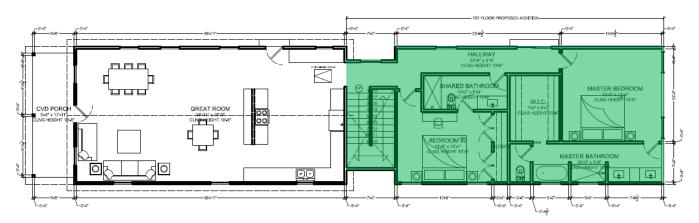
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EXISTING

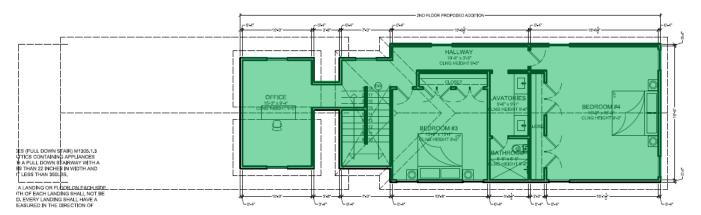


FIRST FLOOR PLAN

PROPOSED

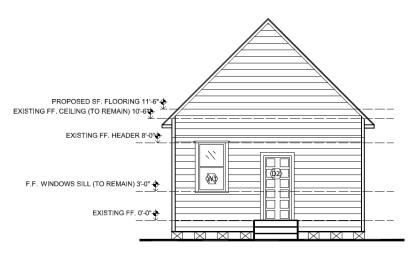


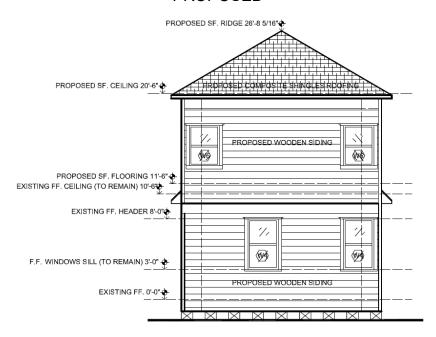
SECOND FLOOR PLAN



EAST ELEVATIONS

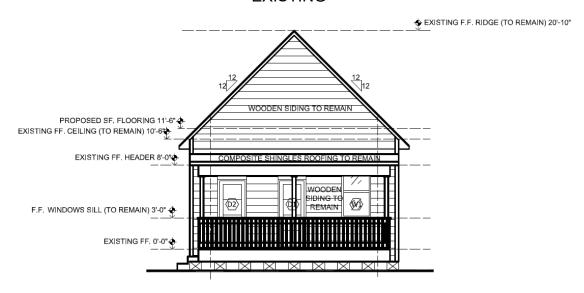
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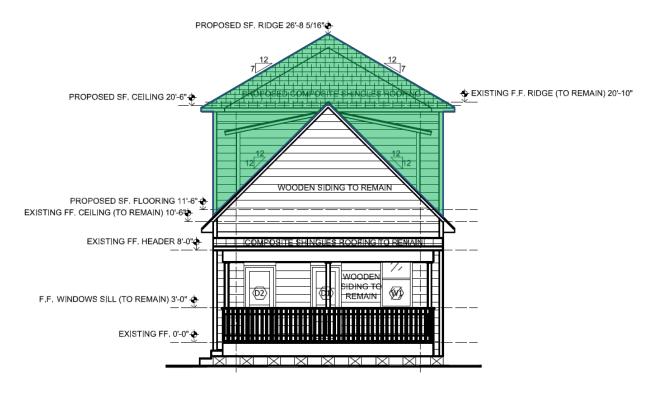




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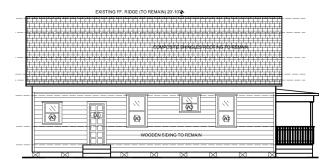
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NORTH ELEVATIONS

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515 Columbia St

SOUTH ELEVATIONS

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