



# City of Portland, Oregon

## **Bureau of Development Services**

#### **Land Use Services**

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# NOTICE OF A TYPE II DECISION ON A PROPOSAL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Bureau of Development Services has **approved** a proposal in your neighborhood. The reasons for the decision are included in this notice. If you disagree with the decision, you can appeal it and request a public hearing. Information on how to appeal this decision is listed at the end of this notice.

## CASE FILE NUMBER: LU 11-179646 HDZ - ROOF EXTENSION

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Applicant:** Charles Olsen

> 2805 SE Lake Road Portland, OR 97222-6831

Representative: Barry Eastwood

Barry Eastwood & Assoc

P.O. Box 83962 Portland, OR 97203

Site Address: 501 NW 21st Avenue

Legal Description: BLOCK 18 LOT 4, KINGS 2ND ADD

Tax Account No.: R452303010 State ID No.: 1N1E33CA 00400

Quarter Section: 3027

Neighborhood: Northwest District, contact John Bradley at 503-313-7574.

**Business District:** Nob Hill, contact Kay Wolfe at 503-227-0898.

**District Coalition:** Neighbors West/Northwest, contact Mark Sieber at 503-823-4212.

Plan District: Northwest

Other Designation: Compatible but non-contributing resource in the Alphabet Historic

District, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on

503-568-0589

August 24, 2000.

Zoning: CS, Storefront Commercial with Historic Resource Protection overlay

HDZ, Historic Design Review Case Type:

Procedure: Type II, an administrative decision with appeal to the Historic

Landmarks Commission.

## Proposal:

The applicant is seeking Historic Design Review for a proposal to raise a section of the roof at the rear of the building four feet. The enlarged structure will be set back six feet from the

secondary street facade. Historic Design Review is required because the proposal is for a non-exempt exterior alteration in a historic district.

### Relevant Approval Criteria:

In order to be approved, this proposal must comply with the approval criteria of Title 33 Portland Zoning Code. The relevant criteria are:

- Community Design Guidelines
- Historic Alphabet District Community Design Guidelines Addendum

#### **ANALYSIS**

**Site and Vicinity:** The site in question is a non-contributing commercial development, on a fairly busy corner within the boundary of the Alphabet Historic District. It was constructed in 1940, during the period of significance, but has subsequently been altered out of original character by the addition of a shingled "mansard" element overhanging the sidewalk at the front. The building's massing and storefront fenestration, however, remain generally compatible with the character of the historic district.

The Alphabet Historic District is an area of Portland significant for its concentration of intact late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century middle class housing stock and small-scale commercial buildings. Of special note are the many mid-sized apartment and institutional buildings. Many of these are in the various Period Revival styles, e.g. Tudor, Spanish Colonial, Byzantine, etc. The area is also characterized by narrower tree-lined residential streets crossed by occasional more robust commercial avenues.

**Zoning:** The Storefront Commercial (CS) zone is intended to preserve and enhance older commercial areas that have a storefront character. The zone intends that new development in these areas will be compatible with this desired character. The zone allows a full range of retail, service and business uses with a local and regional market area. Industrial uses are allowed but are limited in size to avoid adverse effects different in kind or amount than commercial uses and to ensure that they do not dominate the character of the commercial area. The desired character includes areas which are predominantly built-up, with buildings close to and oriented towards the sidewalk especially at corners. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented and buildings with a storefront character are encouraged.

Land Use History: City records indicate one prior land use reviews relating to this property.

■ LU 09-136346 HDZ, approving a new garage door.

Public Notice: A "Notice of Proposal in Your Neighborhood" was mailed October 13, 2011.

**Agency Review:** None of the notified Bureaus has responded with issues or concerns.

**Neighborhood Review:** No written responses have been received from either the Neighborhood Association or notified property owners in response to the proposal.

#### ZONING CODE APPROVAL CRITERIA

#### Chapter 33.846, Historic Reviews

#### Purpose of Historic Design Review

Historic Design Review ensures the conservation and enhancement of the special characteristics of historic resources.

#### Historic Design Review Approval Criteria

Requests for historic design review will be approved if the review body finds the applicant has shown that all of the approval criteria have been met.

**Findings:** The site is located within the Alphabet Historic District. Therefore the proposal requires Historic Design Review approval. The applicable design guidelines are the Community Design Guidelines and the Historic Alphabet District Community Design Guidelines Addendum [33.846.060 E.1.c]

#### Historic Alphabet District - Community Design Guidelines Addendum

These guidelines were adopted on September 5, 2000 and were developed to work with the Community Design Guidelines to provide a set of guidelines specific to the district.

### **Community Design Guidelines**

These guidelines provide the constitutional framework for all design review areas outside the Central City that are not covered by their own specific area design guidelines. The Community Design Guidelines focus on three general categories: **(P) Portland Personality,** which establishes Portland's urban design framework; **(E) Pedestrian Emphasis,** which states that Portland is a city for people as well as cars and other transportation systems; and **(D) Project Design,** which assures that each development is sensitive to both Portland's urban design framework and the users of the city.

Staff has considered all guidelines and only addressed those applicable to this proposal.

## Historic Alphabet District Approval Criteria

**1. Historic Changes.** Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance will be preserved.

**Findings:** The subject property is ranked as non-contributing in the Alphabet Historic District, and cannot by definition include changes that have acquired historic significance over time. *This guideline is therefore not applicable.* 

- **2. Differentiate New from Old.** New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will retain historic materials that characterize a property to the extent practicable. Replacement materials should be reasonable facsimiles of the historic materials they replace. The design of new construction will be compatible with the historic qualities of the district as identified in the Historic Context Statement.
- **3. Hierarchy of Compatibility.** Exterior alterations and additions will be designed to be compatible primarily with the original resource, secondarily with adjacent properties, and finally, if located within a historic or conservation district, with the rest of the District. Where practical, compatibility will be pursued on all three levels. New development will seek to incorporate design themes characteristic of similar buildings in the Historic Alphabet District.

**Findings for 2 and 3:** As a non-contributing resource in the historic district the property does not include characteristic historic materials for retention or replication. The new construction, a rear roof extension set back from the street, is in keeping with the character of the historic district: a) because there is a traditional pattern of commercial corner properties having their utilitarian aspects on the side street; and b) because the alteration will be largely out of view to the public. *These guidelines are met.* 

#### **Community Design Guidelines**

- **P1. Plan Area Character.** Enhance the sense of place and identity by incorporating site and building design features that respond to the area's desired characteristics and traditions.
- **P2. Historic and Conservation Districts.** Enhance the identity of historic and conservation districts by incorporating site and building design features that reinforce the area's historic significance. Near historic and conservation districts, use such features to reinforce and

complement the historic areas.

**D6. Architectural Integrity.** Respect the original character of buildings when making modifications that affect the exterior. Make additions compatible in scale, color, details, material proportion, and character with the existing building.

**Findings for P1, P2, and D6:** The historic district's overall pattern, and the original character of the building to the extent that it survives, are both respected by locating the roof extension in a utilitarian zone well back from both the primary and secondary façades. The area already includes earlier alterations which serve similar practical purposes. *These guidelines are therefore met.* 

#### **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Unless specifically required in the approval criteria listed above, this proposal does not have to meet the development standards in order to be approved during this review process. The plans submitted for a building or zoning permit must demonstrate that all development standards of Title 33 can be met, or have received an Adjustment or Modification via a land use review prior to the approval of a building or zoning permit.

#### CONCLUSIONS

This proposal offers a straightforward and practical solution to the owner's desire for additional interior area and will have no adverse effect on the character of the Alphabet Historic District. The purpose of the historic design review process is to ensure that exterior alterations to existing buildings protect the integrity of the special characteristics of the historic resources. The proposal meets the applicable design guidelines and therefore warrants approval.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

Approval of a roof extension on a non-contributing resource in the Alphabet Historic District;

Approval per Exhibits C-1 through C-3, signed and dated November 7, 2011, subject to the following condition:

A. As part of the building permit application submittal, each of the 4 required site plans and any additional drawings must reflect the information and design approved by this land use review as indicated in Exhibits C-1 through C-3. The sheets on which this information appears must be labeled, "Proposal and design as approved in Case File # LU 11-179646 HDZ. No field changes allowed."

Staff Planner: Dave Skilton

Decision rendered by: \_\_\_\_\_\_ on November 7, 2011.

By authority of the Director of the Bureau of Development Services

Decision mailed: November 10, 2011

**About this Decision.** This land use decision is **not a permit** for development. Permits may be required prior to any work. Contact the Development Services Center at 503-823-7310 for information about permits.

**Procedural Information.** The application for this land use review was submitted on September 23, 2011, and was determined to be complete on **October 7, 2011**.

Zoning Code Section 33.700.080 states that Land Use Review applications are reviewed under the regulations in effect at the time the application was submitted, provided that the application is complete at the time of submittal, or complete within 180 days. Therefore this application was reviewed against the Zoning Code in effect on September 23, 2011.

ORS 227.178 states the City must issue a final decision on Land Use Review applications within 120-days of the application being deemed complete. The 120-day review period may be waived or extended at the request of the applicant. In this case, the applicant did not waive or extend the 120-day review period.

## Some of the information contained in this report was provided by the applicant.

As required by Section 33.800.060 of the Portland Zoning Code, the burden of proof is on the applicant to show that the approval criteria are met. The Bureau of Development Services has independently reviewed the information submitted by the applicant and has included this information only where the Bureau of Development Services has determined the information satisfactorily demonstrates compliance with the applicable approval criteria. This report is the decision of the Bureau of Development Services with input from other City and public agencies.

**Conditions of Approval.** If approved, this project may be subject to a number of specific conditions, listed above. Compliance with the applicable conditions of approval must be documented in all related permit applications. Plans and drawings submitted during the permitting process must illustrate how applicable conditions of approval are met. Any project elements that are specifically required by conditions of approval must be shown on the plans, and labeled as such.

These conditions of approval run with the land, unless modified by future land use reviews. As used in the conditions, the term "applicant" includes the applicant for this land use review, any person undertaking development pursuant to this land use review, the proprietor of the use or development approved by this land use review, and the current owner and future owners of the property subject to this land use review.

**Appealing this decision.** This decision may be appealed to the Historic Landmarks Commission, which will hold a public hearing. Appeals must be filed **by 4:30 PM on November 28, 2011** at 1900 SW Fourth Ave. Appeals can be filed Tuesday through Friday on the first floor of the Development Services Center until 3 p.m. After 3 p.m. and Mondays, appeals must be submitted to the receptionist at the front desk on the fifth floor. **An appeal fee of \$250 will be charged**. The appeal fee will be refunded if the appellant prevails. There is no fee for ONI recognized organizations appealing a land use decision for property within the organization's boundaries. The vote to appeal must be in accordance with the organization's bylaws. Assistance in filing the appeal and information on fee waivers is available from BDS in the Development Services Center. Please see the appeal form for additional information.

The file and all evidence on this case are available for your review by appointment only. Please call the Request Line at our office, 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 5000, phone 503-823-7617, to schedule an appointment. I can provide some information over the phone. Copies of all information in the file can be obtained for a fee equal to the cost of services. Additional information about the City of Portland, city bureaus, and a digital copy of the Portland Zoning Code is available on the internet at <a href="https://www.portlandonline.com">www.portlandonline.com</a>.

**Attending the hearing.** If this decision is appealed, a hearing will be scheduled, and you will be notified of the date and time of the hearing. The decision of the Historic Landmarks Commission is final; any further appeal must be made to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) within 21 days of the date of mailing the decision, pursuant to ORS 197.620

and 197.830. Contact LUBA at 550 Capitol St. NE, Suite 235, Salem, Oregon 97301, or phone 1-503-373-1265 for further information.

Failure to raise an issue by the close of the record at or following the final hearing on this case, in person or by letter, may preclude an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on that issue. Also, if you do not raise an issue with enough specificity to give the Landmarks Commission an opportunity to respond to it, that also may preclude an appeal to LUBA on that issue.

## Recording the final decision.

If this Land Use Review is approved the final decision must be recorded with the Multnomah County Recorder. A few days prior to the last day to appeal, the City will mail instructions to the applicant for recording the documents associated with their final land use decision.

- Unless appealed, The final decision may be recorded on or after **November 29, 2011**.
- A building or zoning permit will be issued only after the final decision is recorded.

The applicant, builder, or a representative may record the final decision as follows:

- By Mail: Send the two recording sheets (sent in separate mailing) and the final Land Use Review decision with a check made payable to the Multnomah County Recorder to: Multnomah County Recorder, P.O. Box 5007, Portland OR 97208. The recording fee is identified on the recording sheet. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- In Person: Bring the two recording sheets (sent in separate mailing) and the final Land Use Review decision with a check made payable to the Multnomah County Recorder to the County Recorder's office located at 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard, #158, Portland OR 97214. The recording fee is identified on the recording sheet.

For further information on recording, please call the County Recorder at 503-988-3034 For further information on your recording documents please call the Bureau of Development Services Land Use Services Division at 503-823-0625.

**Expiration of this approval.** An approval expires three years from the date the final decision is rendered unless a building permit has been issued, or the approved activity has begun.

Where a site has received approval for multiple developments, and a building permit is not issued for all of the approved development within three years of the date of the final decision, a new land use review will be required before a permit will be issued for the remaining development, subject to the Zoning Code in effect at that time.

Zone Change and Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment approvals do not expire.

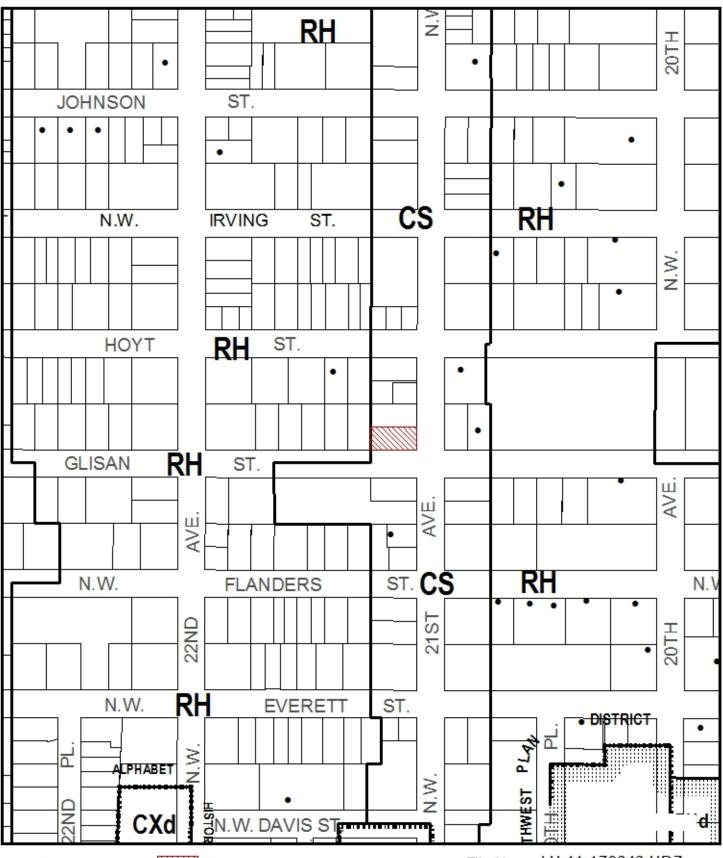
**Applying for your permits.** A building permit, occupancy permit, or development permit may be required before carrying out an approved project. At the time they apply for a permit, permittees must demonstrate compliance with:

- All conditions imposed herein;
- All applicable development standards, unless specifically exempted as part of this land use review:
- All requirements of the building code; and
- All provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Portland, and all other applicable ordinances, provisions and regulations of the City.

#### **EXHIBITS**

- A. Applicant's Statement
- B. Zoning Map (attached)
- C. Plans/Drawings:
  - 1. Site Plan (attached)
  - 2. Proposed South Elevation (attached)
  - 3. North-South Section
- D. Notification information:
  - 1. Mailing list
  - 2. Mailed notice
- E. Agency Responses:
  - 1. Water Bureau
  - 2. Fire Bureau
  - 3. Life Safety Review Section of BDS
- F. Correspondence: none
- G. Other:
  - 1. Original LU Application
  - 2. Site History Research

The Bureau of Development Services is committed to providing equal access to information and hearings. Please notify us no less than five business days prior to the event if you need special accommodations. Call 503-823-7300 (TTY 503-823-6868).



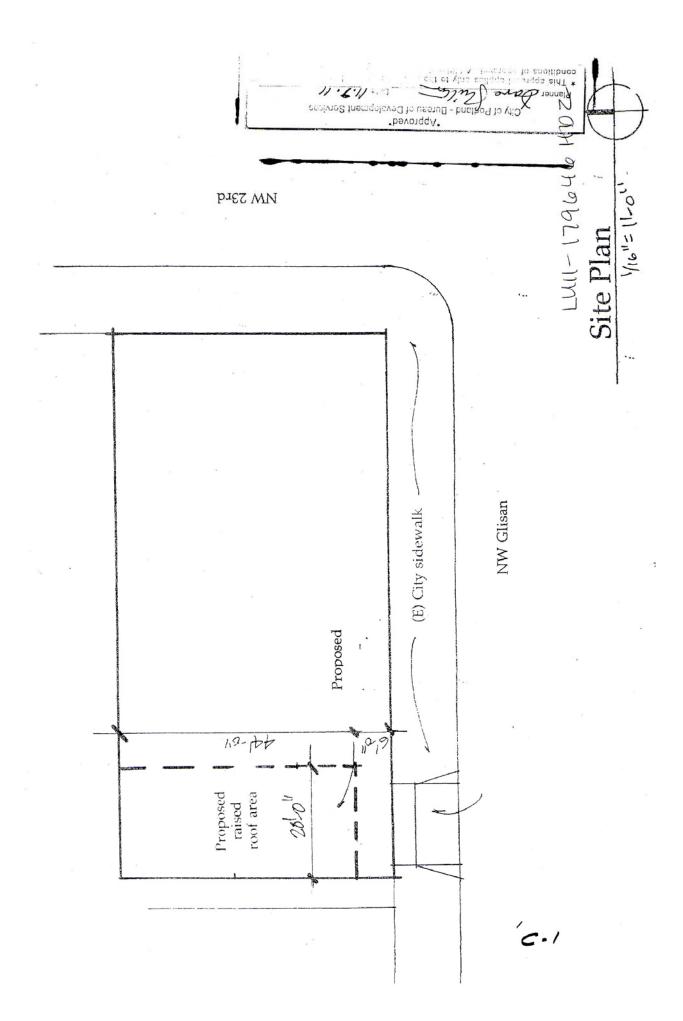
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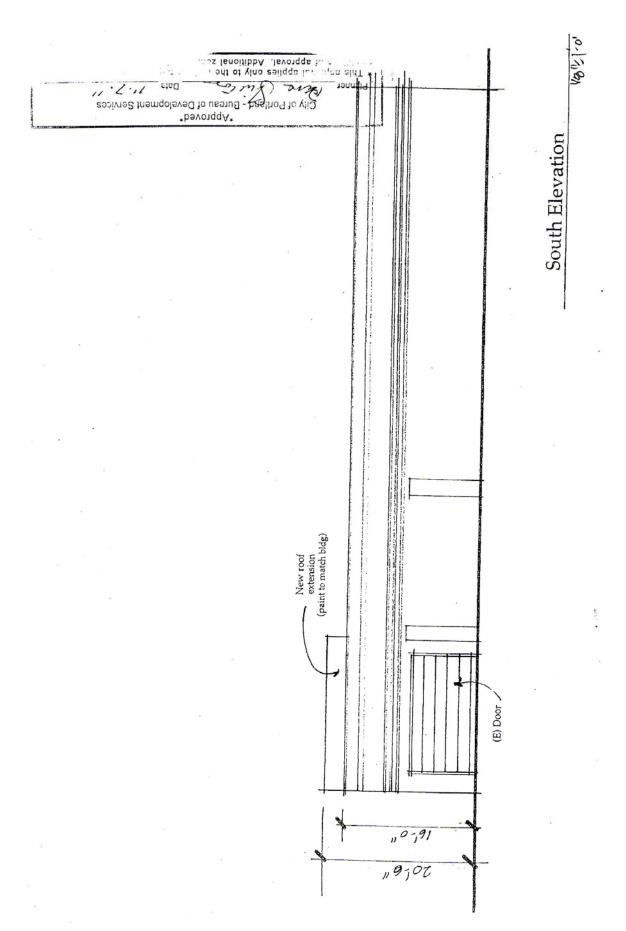


Historic Landmark



This site lies within the: ALPHABET HISTORIC DISTRICT NORTHWEST PLAN DISTRICT





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