

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF PENNSYLVANIA
LEGISLATURE 1961, JUNE 13, P. L. 282 (53 SECTION 8004)
AND BETHLEHEM ORDINANCE NO. 3952 AS AMENDED.

The applicant/owner of the property located at 415 High Street proposes to replace an existing wood fence with an earth tone vinyl (PVC) fence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby DENIED for the proposal.

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

APPLICATION #2: The applicant/owner of the property located at 415 High Street proposes to replace an existing wood fence with an earth tone vinyl (PVC) fence.

OWNER: Mary Louise Brion
415 High Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

The Board upon motion by Beth Starbuck and seconded by Diana Hodgson adopted the proposal that City Council DENY the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of the existing wood fence with an earth tone vinyl (PVC) fence and consider instead the installation of a wood or metal fence in accordance with the Guideline Citation outlined below:

The vote was unanimous to deny the application to replace the existing wood fence with an earth tone vinyl (PVC) fence .

Guideline Citation: Secretary of Interior Standards NO.(s)

#2 The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

#5 Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.

#6 Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

Bethlehem Historic District Guidelines

Page 13 Fences: Wood and cast or wrought iron are traditional materials for fences in the City of Bethlehem.

The HARB discourages:

- Installing non-traditional fencing materials, such as vinyl

Evaluation, Effect on Historic District, Recommendations: The proposed work does not conform with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation or the Bethlehem Historic District Design Guidelines and will have a negative impact on the historic district.



Date of Meeting: October 6, 2021

By: **H. Joseph Phillips**
Title: **Historic Officer**