

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-_____

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 40 East Wall Street proposes to install handrails on the porch steps to addresses 38 through 46 East Wall Street to address safety concerns.

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

Sponsored by: /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

APPLICATION #4: The applicant/owner of the property located at 40 East Wall Street proposes to install handrails on the porch steps to addresses 38 through 46 East Wall Street to address safety concerns.

OWNER: Anthony Stoeckley & Lisa Cawley
40 East Wall Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

The Board upon motion by Diana Hodgson and seconded by Connie Postupack adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of new guardrail and handrail systems, with the following conditions;

1. The new wood guardrail system shall match the detail of the existing railing system.
2. The colors of the new railing system shall match the colors of the existing railing system.
3. The Applicant shall prepare and submit additional design and detail drawings to the Code Official, Michael Simonson, and the Historic Officer, Joe Phillips for their review and approval.
4. The Applicant must submit for and secure a Building Permit from the City of Bethlehem.

The vote was unanimous to approve the installation of new guardrail and handrail systems, as per the motion.

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.

#9 New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the historic property and its environment.

#10 New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Bethlehem Historic District Design Guidelines

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The HARB encourages,

- Repairing or replacing deteriorated or missing materials with similar new materials – avoid replacement of a wood railing with a metal or vinyl railing system

The HARB discourages,

- Replacing wood porch posts and railings with metal

Evaluation, Effect on Historic District, Recommendations: The proposed work conforms with the intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Bethlehem Historic District Design Guidelines and will have no negative impact to the historic district.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Joseph Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Date of Meeting: October 2, 2024

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