

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

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 438 Center Street proposes to paint trim around the front door and install a classic antique style gas lantern on the front of the house to the left of the entrance way and front door.

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 _____, 2025.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

APPLICATION #5: The applicant/owner of the property located at 438 Center Street proposes to paint trim around the front door and install a classic antique style gas lantern on the front of the house to the left of the entrance way and front door.

OWNER: Alex & Kathleen D'Angelo
438 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

The Board upon motion by Michael Simonson and seconded by Diana Hodgson adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for painting the trim around the front door and installing a classic antique style gas lantern on the front of the house to the left of the entrance way and front door, with the following conditions.

1. Applicable permits shall be secured by the Applicant prior to any work taking place.
2. The gas lantern will be the French Quarter, Rodin model with London top and bottom finials as manufactured by Bevolo Gas & Electric Lights.
3. The lantern's mounting bracket shall be the manufacturer's standard "Gooseneck" mounting bracket.
4. The mounting bracket shall be attached to the wall at the mortar joints and not in the face of the brick.
5. Trim paint around the front door to be gloss Tricorn Black color Sherwin Williams (SW 6258)

The vote was unanimous to approve the painting of the trim around the front door and installing a classic antique style gas lantern on the front of the house to the left of the entrance way and front door, as per the motion.

Guideline Citation:

Secretary of Interior Standards No.(s)

#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,

- Hand washing with mild detergent and bristle brush, hand scraping, and hand sanding

The HARB discourages,

- Rotary tools – disks can leave circular marks and wires can tear into the surface
- Heat guns and heat plate – can ignite paint or underlying surface if left in one location too long
- Chemical paint removers – can raise grains, be expensive, and potentially volatile; runoff can be hazardous
- Flame tools, blow torches to soften paint – smoldering sparks can potentially start a fire; lead components in paint can vaporize and create highly toxic fumes
- Sandblasting – can be abrasive to surface, wear away protective exterior coating and raise the wood grain
- High-pressure water wash – forces water into open joints affecting interior finishes and structural framing; can be abrasive to exterior surface and raise the grain

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 with a large initial "H" and a prominent "P".

Date of Meeting: October 1, 2025

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