

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-\_\_\_\_\_**

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 Long Street proposes to install cellular PVC trim around all windows, install new trim around the front door, and paint the aluminum siding.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

## **HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

APPLICATION #1: The applicant/owner of the property located at 415 Long Street proposes to install cellular PVC trim around all windows, install new trim around the front door, and paint the aluminum siding.

OWNER: Scott & Lisa Hummel  
415 Long Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

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The Board upon motion by Joseph McGavin and seconded by Rodman Young adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of cellular PVC trim around all windows, installation of new Endurathane (lightweight, moisture-resistant, high-density polyurethane) trim around the front door, and painting of the aluminum siding, with the following conditions.

1. HARB would like to be clear that the reason for approval of non-wood trims is based on the fact that when constructed in 1985, the home was constructed using non-natural materials such as aluminum siding.
2. The approval of the trim materials is specific to this Application and is not intended to set a precedent for any subsequent Applications by this or other property owners.
3. Proposed Sherwin Williams paint colors shall be as follows:  
Aluminum siding: Gateway Gray SW7644  
Trim: Extra White SW 7006  
Front Door & Storm Door: Sundried Tomato SW7585  
Shutters: Tricorn Black SW6258

The vote was unanimous to approve the installation of cellular PVC trim around all windows, installation of new Endurathane (lightweight, moisture-resistant, high-density polyurethane) trim around the front door, and painting of the aluminum siding, 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 Ordinance 1714.03 Purposes of Historic Conservation District – It is the purpose and intent of the City of Bethlehem to promote, protect, enhance, and preserve historical resources and traditional community character for the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the preservation, protection, and regulation of buildings and areas of historical interest or importance within the City.

Bethlehem Historic District Design Guidelines

## Page 8: Exterior Woodwork & Siding:

The HARB encourages,

- Regularly maintaining and repainting exterior woodwork including repainting, and addressing potential areas of moisture including clogged gutters and downspouts, groundwater, leaky pipes, and interior condensation
- Retaining decorative woodwork since it is a character defining element that can be difficult to replace
- Repairing smaller areas of deterioration by reinforcing or patching – small cracks and checks can be repaired with an exterior wood filler, glue, or epoxy – Loose elements can be refastened with nailing or drilling and screwing
- Selectively replacing deteriorated wood elements that are beyond repair with wood pieces that match the size, profile, exposure and pattern, and character of the historic wood element – Wood filler in the joints between the new and old wood will help provide a smooth finish
- Large scale or significant replacement of exterior wood siding with paintable material that match the size, profile, exposure, pattern, and character of the historic wood

The HARB discourages,

- Removing or encapsulating with vinyl or aluminum siding, trim, decorative features, and trim elements such as brackets, spindles, cornices, columns, posts, etc.
- Vinyl or aluminum siding over wood, brick, stone or stucco
- Wood grained, wavy edged, vertical and textured plywood simulated siding
- Installing non-wood trim

## Page 8: Paint

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, based on the fact that when constructed in 1985, the home was constructed using non-natural materials such as aluminum siding, will have no negative impact on the historic district.

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

Date of Meeting: March 4, 2026

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