



**Bristol Historic District Commission**

Application for review of proposed Work

1. Property Address (Street & No.) 19 BYFIELD ST

2. Plat # 14 Lot # 67

3. a. Applicant: ELENA M. BAO

b. Owner (if different from applicant written authorization of owner required):

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4. a. Architect/Draftsman:

Phone:

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b. Contractor: Paramount Chimney & Gutter, Corp.

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5. Work Category:

Partial Demolition of Structure(s)

6. Description of proposed work:

The chimney structure in the attic of the home is severely and irreparably damaged and in danger of collapsing, according to a licensed chimney professional who recently inspected the home's chimney structure. The chimney professional stated that the damage to the chimney structure is too severe to be repaired and that it is urgently necessary to partially demolish the chimney structure down below the roofline of the home to address the structural safety hazard of the damaged chimney. Such partial demolition of the chimney structure below the home's roofline will also prevent any further water damage from occurring to the interior structure of the home due to rainwater leakage through the damaged chimney structure. \*\*See attached photos of chimney structure, see attached document from chimney professional.

After partial demolition of the chimney structure down below roofline of the home, the home's roof will have a hole that needs to be closed by a licensed roofi

professional who will patch the closed area with in-kind shingles. In addition, since the chimney structure will no longer be present on the roof to encase/enclose the venting pipes for the home's heat sources (1 gas furnace and 1 gas fireplace insert), an alternative means of venting the home's heat source is needed. I am in the process of obtaining options and quotes from licensed heating professionals.

I am unable to financially afford the cost of replacing the home's chimney structure. The inspecting chimney professional informed me that the home's existing chimney structure is too damaged to be salvaged and that to replace the home's chimney structure would require a re-build at an estimated starting cost of \$90,000 which is a cost I am unable to financially afford.

#### 7. Property History

BENJAMIN TILLEY-ISAAC WILLIAMS HOUSE c 1833, c. 1900: In 1833 Benjamin Tilley, owner of a Wood Street rope walk, built this 2-1/2story, 5-bay, gabled Federal house, on the site of Byfield's house. He sold it to Isaac Williams, superintendent of the National India Rubber Company, in 1872. Williams served on the Town Council, in the General Assembly, on the town's school committee, and as chairman of the Republican Party's state committee. Detailing include central entrance with fluted pilasters supporting a wide entablature with guttae and a projecting molding. The side porch with chamfered posts and beaded board ceiling dates from c. 1929.

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**Applicant's Name – Printed**

**Applicant's Signature**

Date: February 5, 2024