

# Certificate of Appropriateness

616 Lafayette Street, Castroville, TX 78009

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RE: 616 Lafayette Street – Alteration

The above-referenced report and plans were reviewed by the City of Castroville's Historic Preservation Officer for compliance with the City Ordinance No. 2017-004, Ordinance No. 2017-005, Exhibit A, Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A "Special Historic District and Landmark Regulations" and the Castroville Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Section 2B, Overlay Design Guidelines for Historic Properties. We are providing the following comments based on a cursory review of the submittal; additional comments may be generated upon the re-submittal:

DESIGNATIONS		OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
Historic Zoning (HE/CG)	No, CH-C	Build Date	ca. 1855
THC 1969 Survey	x	Architectural Style	
THC 2022 Resource	x	Alsation/Victorian with multiple additions	
Other Historical Designation			

Please provide a comment response letter with subsequent submittals.

## COA APPLICATION

Per Castroville City Ordinance No. 2017-005 Exhibit, A(VII)(3), the applicant HAS met all COA application requirements. Please submit the following items:



## ALTERATIONS

Per Castroville City Ordinance No. 2017-005 Exhibit, A(II)(1), alteration means any construction or change to the exterior of a building site, or structure. Alterations shall include, but not be limited to, the changing to a different type, style, or size of roofing or siding materials; changing, eliminating or adding doors, door frames, windows, window frames,

shutters, fences, railings, porches, columns, balconies, walls, steps, signs, or other ornamentation; the changing of paint color; regarding; dismantling, removing or moving of any exterior features or demolition. Alteration does not include routine maintenance.

Therefore, per Castroville City Ordinance No. 2017-005 Exhibit A(II)(22)(b), reconstruction, alteration, addition, stabilization, restoration or rehabilitation of a site or structure designated or pending designation as a historic landmark or district shall be reviewed by the Historic Landmark Commission. Also, per Castroville City Ordinance No. 2017-005 Exhibit A(VII)(4), material changes in any doors, roofs, windows, stonework, woodwork, light fixtures, signs, sidewalks, fences, steps, paving and/or other exterior elements visible from a public right-of-way which affect the appearance and compatibility of any structure or property designated or pending designation as a historic landmark or district shall be reviewed by the Historic Landmark Commission.

### *Alterations Comments*

#### **WINDOWS AND SHUTTERS**

1. Per the Castroville Design Guidelines, Section II, Windows and Shutters (pg. 15), new windows should be in character with the historic building, especially on the primary or front facades. In an email, the applicant has confirmed that the proposed window will match the style of the front windows.
2. Per the Castroville Design Guidelines, Section II, Windows and Shutters (pg. 16), for repairs, avoid the use of aluminum frames.
3. Per the Castroville Design Guidelines, Section II, Windows and Shutters (pg. 17), retain the wood trim that frames the window openings.

#### **SIDING AND WALL SURFACES**

4. The 1969 Texas Historical Commission (THC) photos confirm that the original material of the addition, where the proposed work is located, is horizontal wood siding, matching the adjacent Victorian portion of the home. Asbestos cement siding was added on, at an unknown time. Per the Castroville Design Guidelines, Section II, Siding and Wall Surfaces (pg. 22), remove any non-original siding material and repair the underlying original siding, if present. Reinstall trim of matching profile and dimensions if missing or damaged.

All submittals should be submitted to the City of Castroville. A comment response letter shall be provided. Please contact Breana Soto at [breana.soto@castrovilletx.gov](mailto:breana.soto@castrovilletx.gov) if you have any further questions.

Regards,



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