

Date: March 05, 2025

Case No. 250022  
Address: 476 Williams

### **Staff Report**

The applicant has submitted an application for Project Approval for work at 476 Williams, a contributing structure located in the City Creek Planning Unit in the City of Deadwood.

Applicant: John Walsh  
Owner: WALSH, JOHN T TRUSTEEWALSH, JOHN SURVIVOR'S TRUST  
Constructed: c 1895

### **CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PROJECT APPROVAL**

The Historic Preservation Commission shall use the following criteria in granting or denying the Project Approval:

#### **General Factors:**

##### **1. Historic significance of the resource:**

This building is a contributing resource in the Deadwood National Historic Landmark District. It is significant for its historic association with the founding and initial period of growth of the town of Deadwood. Spurred by the tremendous mining boom of 1876, Deadwood grew quickly and became the first major urban center of western South Dakota. Deadwood's economic prominence during the late 1800s and early 1900s was reflected by the construction of a number of large residences such as this one. These houses displayed a variety of architectural styles: Queen Anne, Second Empire, Colonial, and even Gothic variants are found locally. Together, these houses are among the strongest reminders of Deadwood's nineteenth-century boom.

##### **2. Architectural design of the resource and proposed alterations:**

The applicant is requesting approval of phase two of the project which is the reconstruction of the second story. The second floor is currently being framed. There will also be narrow reveal lap siding added with painting. Also, there is foundation repair being performed.

**Attachments: Yes**

**Plans: Yes**

**Photos: Yes**

#### **Staff Opinion:**

In October of 2024 approval was given for phase one of the project which was removal of all fire damage to the second floor and roof. Secure the first floor from further damage. This application is for phase two of the project which is the reconstruction of the second floor. The original siding is Masonite which is hard to find. In discussion with the applicant they are requesting to change one window on the right side of the structure in the kitchen to wider and smaller to accommodate the kitchen sink and counter. Windows have not been ordered but staff has requested review of the specifications before ordering. Staff recommends approval contingent upon review of the window and siding specifications. The proposed work and changes do not encroach upon, damage, or destroy a historic resource or have an adverse effect on the character of the building or the historic character of the State and National Register Historic Districts or the Deadwood National Historic Landmark District.



**Motions available for commission action:**

**A:** If you, as a commissioner, have determined the Project **DOES NOT** Encroach Upon, Damage or Destroy a historic property then:

Based upon all the evidence presented, I find that this project **DOES NOT** encroach upon, damage, or destroy any historic property included in the national register of historic places or the state register of historic places, and therefore move to grant a project approval.

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**If you, as a commissioner, have determined the Project will Encroach Upon, Damage or Destroy a historic property then:**

**B: First Motion:**

Based upon all the evidence presented, I move to make a finding that this project **DOES** encroach upon, damage, or destroy any historic property included in the national register of historic places or the state register of historic places. [If this, move on to 2nd Motion and choose an option.]

**C: Second Motion:**

Option 1: Based upon the guidance in the U.S. Department of the Interior standards for historic preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation projects adopted by rules promulgated pursuant to SDCL 1-19A & 1-19B, *et seq*, I find that the project is **NOT ADVERSE** to Deadwood and move to **APPROVE** the project as presented.

OR

Option 2: Based upon the guidance in the U.S. Department of the Interior standards for historic preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation projects adopted by rules promulgated pursuant to SDCL 1-19A & 1-19B, *et seq*, I find that the project is **ADVERSE** to Deadwood and move to **DENY** the project as presented.

OR

Option 3: Based upon the guidance in the U.S. Department of the Interior standards for historic preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation projects adopted by rules promulgated pursuant to SDCL 1-19A & 1-19B, *et seq*, I find that the project is **ADVERSE** to Deadwood, but the applicant has explored **ALL REASONABLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVES**, and so I move to **APPROVE** the project as presented.