

GENERAL APPLICATION FOR WORK LOCATED WITHIN A HISTORIC DISTRICT

- ☒ Minor Work (Complete Section A and refer to General Directions)
☐ New Construction (Complete Section B and refer to General Directions and Item B)
☐ Demolition (Complete Section B and refer to General Directions and Item C)

Application Deadline: Application and materials must be completed and submitted by 4:00 p.m. ten (10) business days before each Commission Meeting. Late applications will be placed on the agenda for the following month. Decision by the Commission will not necessarily occur at the meeting at which the application materials are first received.

A) MINOR WORK

PROPERTY LOCATION: 7276 Main St. 051550.036.00
Adjacent to 7274 Main St. N/A
(Number) (Street) (Property Tax ID #)

PROPERTY OWNER

Name: City of Mackinac Island Email Address: _____
Address: 7274 Main St. (Tourism Visitor's Booth; to the west)
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
Telephone: _____
(Home) (Business) (Fax)

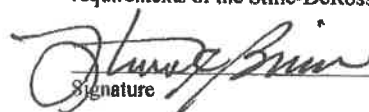
APPLICANT/CONTRACTOR

Name: Mackinac Island State Park Email Address: brissens@michigan.gov
Address: Po Box 570 Mackinac Island MI 49757
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)
Telephone: 906-847-3328
(Home) (Business) (Fax)

- ☒ Attach a brief description of the nature of the minor work proposed and the materials to be used.
☐ Attach one or more photograph(s) of the whole building including façade and any relevant elevations showing the area, item or feature proposed to be repaired or replaced. The Building Official or Historic District Commission may require additional information necessary to determine the work to be Minor Work.

If the Building Official determines that the proposed work is not Minor Work, the Building Official shall direct the applicant to complete an Application for New Work and/ or Application for Demolition or Moving work which will then be referred to the HDC.

I certify that the information provided in this Application and the documents submitted with this Application are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief; and that the property where work will be undertaken has, or will have before the proposed project completion date, a fire alarm system or a smoke alarm complying with the requirements of the Stille-DeRossett-Hale single state construction code act, 1972 PA 230, MLC 125.1501 to 125.1531



Steven C. Brissan
Please Print Name

SIGNATURES

Signature File No. 14024.036.048(4)

Exhibit A
Please Print Name

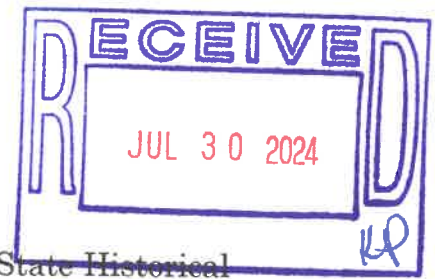
Date 7-30-24

NOTE: All photos, drawings and physical samples, etc., become the property of the HDC/City of Mackinac Island. These may be returned to the applicant upon request after they are no longer needed by the Commission/City. KP

RETURN THIS FORM AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO:
MACKINAC ISLAND BUILDING OFFICIAL
7358 MARKET STREET, MACKINAC ISLAND, MI 49757
PHONE: (906) 847-4035

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Received By: KPereny Work Completed Date: _____

Bonga Tavern Historical Marker



This request is for final approval for the installation of an official State Historical Marker commemorating the Bonga Tavern. The text of the marker is attached separately.

The location was chosen in January with city officials and the approval of Mayor Doud. It is to be located adjacent to the Visitors Bureau information booth, in the grassy area to the northwest. A picture is attached.

Note that, as with all markers, they are owned by the Michigan Historical Commission. In this case, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission is the marker's sponsor. We funded the marker and will maintain it in the future, including repainting and replacing the posts in the future if needed. Park staff will install the marker.

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Exhibit B

Date 7.30.24

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Large two-sided marker

Different text each side

2" caption

1 1/2" text

Mackinac Co.

Mackinac Island

Side One

1 Jean and Jeanne Bonga, a Black couple,
2 began Mackinac Island's long tradition
3 of hospitality by opening a tavern and
4 inn on or near this site sometime in the
5 late 1780s. The earliest documented
6 history of the Bongas on the island is
7 the baptism record for their daughter,
8 Rosalie, on July 22, 1786. This record
9 ties the Bongas to Captain Daniel
10 Robertson, the commander of the
11 British garrison on Mackinac Island
12 from 1782 to June 15, 1787. It is
13 unclear whether Robertson employed
14 or enslaved the Bongas. Later accounts
15 suggest Robertson had enslaved the
16 Bongas and freed them upon his
17 departure from the island. Jean and
18 Jeanne Bonga were married in the
19 Catholic church of Ste. Anne de
20 Michilimackinac on June 24, 1794. The
21 record of their marriage is the first
22 direct reference of the Bongas being
23 free residents of the island.

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Exhibit C

Date 7.30.24

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Registered Local Site No. 2366

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Large two-sided marker
Different text each side
2" caption
1 ½" text
Mackinac Co.
Mackinac Island
Side Two

BONGA TAVERN

1 Lieutenant Dwight Kelton's annotated
2 transcription of the Ste. Anne Church's
3 register in the 1882 edition of the
4 *Annals of Fort Mackinac* states that the
5 Bonga Tavern was "the *first* hotel on
6 the Island of Mackinac." Jean and
7 Jeanne Bonga operated the tavern and
8 inn at least until Jean's death on
9 January 20, 1795. He was buried in the
10 island's Catholic cemetery two days
11 later. Several of the couple's children
12 and grandchildren maintained their
13 connection to Mackinac Island and
14 were involved in the Great Lakes fur
15 trade throughout the 19th century. The
16 Bongas' grandson George Bonga
17 worked as a voyageur, interpreter, and
18 merchant for an Anishnaabek com-
19 munity in Minnesota into which he had
20 married. The site of Jean and Jeanne's
21 tavern was purchased by Henry Overall
22 in 1859. He operated a saloon and
23 billiard hall there into the 1890s.

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