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Katie Pereny, Secretary
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City of Mackinac Island
P.O. Box 455
Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Re: **CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**
Design Review

Dear Ms. Pereny:

I have reviewed the proposed addition of three surveillance cameras on two Main Street buildings by the City Police Department in the Market and Main Historic District.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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DESIGN REVIEW

CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

7274 & 7435 Main Street

Market and Main Historic District
Mackinac Island, Michigan

INTRODUCTION

The proposed project is the installation of two surveillance cameras by the Mackinac Island Police Department on the front facades of two Main Street buildings, one being the Mackinac Island Tourist Bureau and the other the Pontiac Lodge building. The small 4+ inch diameter cameras would be placed in inconspicuous locations under a roof eave (overhang), on the Tourist Bureau, and in the center of the upper cornice on the Pontiac Lodge.

This design review is based on City Code Sec. 10-161 "Design Review Standards and Guidelines", of Article V. "Historic District", of the City of Mackinac Island Ordinance No. 443, adopted October 21, 2009. The review standards are those of the Department of the Interior entitled "The United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation" and "Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings", as set forth in 36 CFR, part 67, as well as the factors set forth in City Code Sec. 10-161(b).

Materials submitted for Review consist of two photographs of the proposed locations and a manufacturer's cut sheet of the camera, dated 30 June 2025, by M.I. Police Department.

REVIEW

Of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, and the Standards Under Sec. 10-161(b), the applicable Standards for review are the following:

Standard 9 - *"New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment."*

The proposed camera additions would not destroy materials that characterize the properties, would be differentiated as a non-historic features, and would be compatible with the massing, size and architectural features of the property.

Standards Under Code Sec. 10-161(b)

In reviewing applications, the Commission shall also consider all of the following:

(1) - *"The historic or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area."*

The proposed surveillance camera installations would maintain the historic and architectural value of the properties, and their relationship to the historic value of the surrounding historic district.

(2) - *"The relationship of any architectural features of the resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area."*

Placement of surveillance cameras may be considered necessary utility features in our current age of increasing surveillance of public places, and appropriate with the surrounding often crowded public areas they would monitor.

(3) - *"The general compatibility of the design, arrangement, texture and materials proposed to be used."*

The proposed cameras would be located so as to minimize their visual presence, being put under roof overhangs, in locations sometimes having decorative detailing, and as such would be compatible, in terms of design, arrangement, texture and materials proposed to be used.

(4) - *"Other factors, such as aesthetic value, that the Commission finds relevant."*

The cameras would detract minimally from the aesthetic value of the buildings.

CONCLUSION

The addition of two surveillance cameras on the Mackinac Island Tourist Bureau and the Pontiac Lodge building proposed by the City of Mackinac Island Police Department would meet the Standards for review.

END OF REVIEW