

## **2016 APPROVED/DENIED CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS LETTERS**

### **JULY**

HG 8583 – 525 W FOURTH AVE

HG 8584 – 245 W GARRISON BLVD

HG 8606 – 525 S CHESTER ST

HG 8607 – 425 W FRANKLIN BLVD

HG 8614 – 1310 S YORK RD

HG 8616 – 1215 OAKWOOD AVE



July 7, 2016

Gail Smith  
525 West Fourth Avenue  
Gastonia, NC 28052

**Re: HD Project # 8583**

Dear Ms. Smith,

This correspondence is in reference to your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted for the property located **525 West Fourth Avenue, Gastonia NC.**

On July 7, 2016, a subcommittee of the Gastonia Historic District Commission made the following decisions regarding your request for a Certificate of Appropriateness as follows:

- **Approved** your request to remove the large tree in front yard. The city arborist found the tree to be healthy and saw no signs of foundation damage to the house. However, the subcommittee agreed that the tree was dangerously close to the house, at 6.5 feet, and not a great loss to the street canopy if removed.
- *The subcommittee recommended that the homeowner replant two trees (for balance) in the front lawn, at a safe distance from the house depending on the chosen tree species. The requirement to replace a tree, no smaller than two inches in diameter, is in accordance with Gastonia's Unified Development Ordinance.*
  - *The city works with the organization Keep Gastonia Beautiful (KGB), which has a tree sale in the fall for residents, with a select number of canopy and understory trees offered at half price. Additionally, this year, look for a possible tree giveaway in the fall.*

This letter shall serve as a Certificate of Appropriateness in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Historic District Commission and the City of Gastonia's Unified Development Ordinance. This letter should be kept for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 704-854-6652.

Sincerely,

Kim Wallis  
Design Planner I



July 8, 2016

Jenny Carrington  
245 W Garrison Blvd., Suite A  
Gastonia, NC 28052

Re: HD Project # 8584

Dear Ms. Carrington,

This correspondence is in reference to your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted for the property located at 245 W Garrison Blvd., Gastonia NC.

On July 7, 2016, a subcommittee of the Gastonia Historic District Commission made the following decisions regarding your request for a Certificate of Appropriateness as follows:

The committee approved your request for a new sign:

- The location of the sign will be on the north side of the building.
- The size of the north facing sign will be 44" x 96" (@29 sq ft).
- The design will be as supplied in application.
- The material of the north facing sign will be aluminum sheets attached with screws.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 704-854-6652.

Sincerely,

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## Historic District Commission

July 25, 2016

Mae Sheehan  
525 S. Chester Street  
Gastonia, NC 28052

**RE: HD8606**

Dear Ms. Sheehan:

This correspondence is in reference to your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted for the site improvements on the property at **525 S Chester Street, Gastonia, NC**.

On July 21, 2016, a subcommittee of the Historic District Commission reviewed your request and made the following decision(s) regarding your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness:

**Approved** the request to install a 12x24 utility building in rear yard. The building shall have a shingled roof and wood siding painted to match the house colors. The placement of the structure shall remain consistent with placement indicated on drawing submitted with the application – located in the rear yard 10ft from north side lot line, 20ft from south side lot line. It will sit on 4x4 runners and cement piers. The foundation will be covered in lattice. All other details as per application.

This letter shall serve as a Certificate of Appropriateness in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Historic District Commission and the City of Gastonia's Unified Development Ordinance. This letter should be kept for your records.

**Please note** that, if you have not already done so, you must contact the City of Gastonia's Building Support Services and Engineering Divisions (if a site plan is involved) to obtain any permits needed to complete this work.

If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services Department at 704-854-6652.

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## Historic District Commission

July 25, 2016

Terry Kenny  
Animal League of Gaston County  
972 E. Franklin Blvd  
Gastonia, NC 28054

### **HD Project # 8607**

Dear Ms. Kenny,

This correspondence is in reference to your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) submitted for the property located at **425 W Franklin Boulevard, Gastonia NC**.

On July 21, 2016, a subcommittee of the Historic District Commission reviewed your request and made the following decision(s) regarding your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness:

**APPROVED** the following request:

Installation of new sign faces on top of signs previously approved by the Historic District Commission:

- Protruding double-sided sign on front of building, 30”w x 120”h
- Wall sign on east side, 96”w x 48”h
- Wall sign on east side, 72”w x 44”h
- The design and material of all signs will be per designs included in application. The backing of all signs is aluminum.

This letter shall serve as a Certificate of Appropriateness in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Historic District Commission and the City of Gastonia’s Zoning Ordinance.

This letter should be kept for your records.

Please note that, if you have not already done so, you must contact the City of Gastonia’s Building Services Department to obtain any permits, if needed, to complete this work at 704-866-6729.

Sincerely,

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## Historic District Commission

July 27, 2016

Kathleen & Michael Webster  
1310 S York Rd.  
Gastonia, NC 28052  
Re: HD# 8614

Dear Ms. Webster,

This correspondence is in reference to your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted for the property located at 1310 S York Rd, Gastonia, NC.

On July 26, 2016, a subcommittee of the Gastonia Historic District Commission approved your request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following:

- In rear yard, 6' high treated wooden privacy fence; design and location as per application.
- In side yard, 4' high treated wooden privacy fence and gate (posts to be on applicant property) with top trim, cap boards and copper post tops; design and location as per application.
- Front porch wooden handrails and railings, painted white; design per application.
- Replace rear window with door with multi-panels, painted white to match house/porch.
- Install rear stairs off of screened porch with a 4'x4' landing, to be painted white to match house/porch. To include railings and pickets as per design in application.
- In rear yard, install a 2<sup>nd</sup> story screened in porch, 12'x12'x8'. Wooden trim work to be painted white to match home; design and location of porch as per application. Roof to be black 30 year architectural shingles.

The subcommittee did not approve the vinyl siding of rear porch. Instead they strongly recommended HardiePlank® (fiber cement) siding.

Please note per our Unified Development Ordinance, section 9.4.1 G. a finished side of all walls or fences shall face the common property boundary.

This letter shall serve as a Certificate of Appropriateness in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Historic District Commission and the City of Gastonia's Unified Development Ordinance. This letter should be kept for your records. Please feel free to contact the Planning Department at 704-854-6652 with any questions.

Please note that, if you have not already done so, you must contact the City of Gastonia's Building Services Department to obtain any permits, if needed, to complete this work at 704-866-6729.

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July 27, 2016

Laura Williams  
1215 Oakwood Avenue  
Gastonia, NC 28052

**Re: HD Project # 8616**

Dear Ms. Williams,

This correspondence is in reference to your application for a Certificate of Appropriateness submitted for the property located at **1215 Oakwood Avenue, Gastonia NC.**

On July 27, 2016, planning staff for the Gastonia Historic District Commission made the following decisions regarding your request for a Certificate of Appropriateness as follows:

- **Approved** your request to remove the large tree in front yard closest to your house. The city arborist found the tree to be diseased and in need of removal.
- **Did not approve** your request to remove the large tree closest to the driveway and road. The city arborist found this tree to be healthy.

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