



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PLACARD

for Raleigh Historic Resources

Project Description:

Remove dead/diseased/dangerous tree; plant replacement tree

634 N Blount St

Address

Blount Street

Historic District

Hubert & Marguerite Haywood House

Historic Property

COA-0066-2026

Certificate Number

5/21/2026

Date of Issue

5/21/2027

Expiration Date

This card must be kept posted in a location within public view until all phases of the described project are complete. The work must conform with the code of the City of Raleigh and laws of the state of North Carolina. When your project is complete, you are required to ask for a final zoning inspection in a historic district area. Telephone the RHDC office at 832-7238 and commission staff will coordinate the inspection with the inspections Department. If you do not call for this final inspection, your Certificate of Appropriateness is null and void.

Signature, _____

Raleigh Historic Development Commission

Pending the resolution of appeals, commencement of work is at your own risk.

Type or print the following:

Applicant name:

Mailing address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Date:

Daytime phone #:

Email address:

Applicant signature:

Minor work (staff review) – one copy
 Major work (COA committee review) – ten copies

- Additions > 25% of building sq. footage
- New buildings
- Demolition of building or structure
- All other

Post approval re-review of conditions of approval

Office Use Only

Transaction #: _____
 File #: **COA-0066-2026**
 Fee: _____
 Amount paid: _____
 Received date: _____
 Received by: _____

Property street address:

Historic district:

Historic property/Landmark name (if applicable):

Owner name:

Owner mailing address:

For applications that require review by the COA Committee (major work), provide addressed and stamped envelopes for owners for all properties with 100 feet on all sides of the property, as well as the property owner.

Property Owner Name & Address	Property Owner Name & Address

I understand that all major work applications that require review by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission's COA Committee must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the date of the application deadline; otherwise, consideration will be delayed until the following committee meeting. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

<p>Will you be applying for rehabilitation tax credits for this project? Yes No</p> <p>Did you consult with staff prior to filing the application? Yes No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Office Use Only</p> <p>Type of work: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Design Guidelines: please cite the applicable sections of the design guidelines (www.rhdc.org).		
Section/Page	Topic	Brief description of work (attach additional sheets as needed).
1.3		Trees

Minor Work Approval (office use only)	
<p>Upon being signed and dated below by the Planning Director or designee, this application becomes the Minor Work Certificate of Appropriateness. It is valid until <u>05/21/2027</u>.</p>	
<p>Please post the enclosed placard form of the certificate as indicated at the bottom of the card. Issuance of a Minor Work Certificate shall not relieve the applicant, contractor, tenant, or property owner from obtaining any other permit required by City Code or any law. Minor Works are subject to an appeals period of 30 days from the date of approval.</p>	
<p>Signature (City of Raleigh) <u>Collette K</u></p>	<p>Date <u>05/21/2020</u></p>

Hubert & Marguerite Haywood House

634 North Blount Street Raleigh, NC 27604

Owners: Thyra Rauch, Jimmy Thiem

Introduction

Information following based on observations by Jimmy Thiem, NC Landscape Architect Emeritus (Lic. #327, retired) on May 10, 2026.

Overview

Subject Tree is an American Linden or American Basswood (*Tilia Americana*). Tree was present on the lot in 1990 when we, present owners, purchased and occupied the property. The Subject Tree is located in the vicinity of the southwest corner of the lot in close proximity to two other American Lindens (see Part 2 - Photos sheet)

Observations

- Immediate ground area around tree - undisturbed, covered in leaf litter.
- Tree canopy - Branches are well leafed out with the exception for a few lower limbs which were bare — shaded out by upper branches. This tree does not contribute to North Blount Street's streetscape character (canopy).
- Trunk, part 1 - Beginning at the ground, the trunk (13" dbh) leans to the north at roughly a 60 degree angle (from ground) for the lower 20'+/- of the trunk. It then begins to bend down and north over the next 8' or so, until continuing toward the crown generally parallel to the ground. Within this bend, the trunk divides into two branches. The crown terminates over/into the top of a large Fortune's Osmanthus (*Osmanthus fortunei*) just south of the house's front porch. No broken or "hanger" limbs were observed.
- Trunk, part 2 - At the base of the tree, south side, is a V-shaped split, approx 24" height, which opens into a hollow space within the tree. In addition, there are a number of smaller vertical splits around the base of the tree.
- There is a fourth American Linden approximately 45' east of the Subject Tree. This tree also existed onsite in 1990. The tree now measures 22" dbh with a canopy averaging 40' diameter. The trunk of this tree has a single straight leader typical of the species.

Recommendations

- Based on the Subject Tree's (1) condition of the trunk at its base, and (2) the substantial lean of the trunk, this tree needs to be removed.
 - Proposed replacement tree: Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*), 3" caliper, located 28'+/- east of Subject Tree along south lot line.
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MINOR WORKS APPLICATION**

**Applicant: Jimmy Thiem
PHOTOGRAPHS - May 2026**



Looking west to N. Blount St. (house to right). Subject Tree, American Linden, 13.5” dbh, leaning to north.



Looking west to N. Blount St. Subject Tree with other Lindens to left & behind, 7.5’ & 5’ respectively from Subject Tree.



Detail of south side of Subject Tree showing cavity and split in trunk at base of tree.



Looking south to group of 3 Lindens. Subject Tree (center). N. Blount St. to right.