



# CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PLACARD

for Raleigh Historic Resources

## Project Description:

Changes to previously-approved COA (COA-0062-2023)  
including: rotate rear wood steps 90 degrees

609 Polk St

Address

Oakwood

Historic District

Historic Property

COA-0164-2023

Certificate Number

12/19/2023

Date of Issue

6/19/2024

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, \_\_\_\_\_

*Evin Morton Pugh*

Raleigh Historic Development Commission

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



Type or print the following:

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Applicant signature:

*Laurence Lilley* *Lyric Thompson*

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-0164-2023

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Received date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Property street address: 609 POLK ST

Historic district: OAKWOOD

Historic property/Landmark name (if applicable): FORREST-CREW HOUSE

Owner name: LAURENCE LILLEY & LYRIC THOMPSON

Owner mailing address: 609 POLK ST, RALEIGH, NC 27604

**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
10728 DUNHILL TER	1907 OLD RED MOUNTAIN RD
610 POLK ST	608 POLK ST
601 LATHAM WAY	603 POLK ST
605 POLK ST	611 POLK ST
613 POLK ST	1714 PARK DR
518 ELM ST	420 ELM ST

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.

Will you be applying for rehabilitation tax credits for this project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Office Use Only Type of work: <u>67</u>
Did you consult with staff prior to filing the application? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Design Guidelines: please cite the applicable sections of the design guidelines ( <a href="http://www.rhdc.org">www.rhdc.org</a> ).		
Section/Page	Topic	Brief description of work (attach additional sheets as needed).
3.1	Decks	Wood steps behind screened porch - new orientation

**Minor Work Approval (office use only)**

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 06/19/2024.

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.

Signature (City of Raleigh) Emi North Pugh Date 12/19/2023



# DESCRIPTION OF WORK

609 Polk Street is a 1-story house that was built in 1897, along with 5 other identical houses on this block. The house was originally very small (approximately 1,038 SF), and has since had several small additions added to the rear, increasing the heated footprint to 1,485 SF. The owners would like to increase their square footage further in order to support their growing family, and to utilize more of their very long and skinny lot.

The proposed design is to add an addition to the rear of the house that would be attached behind the existing kitchen, where currently there is a door to a small non-historic screened porch that is proposed to be demolished. The addition is proposed to be 987 SF of conditioned space, comprised of a master suite, den, pantry, and washer/dryer closet. The addition is fairly narrow where it meets the existing house, as the owners would like to preserve as much of the existing rear facade as possible, and then it widens slightly at a distance of 22' from the existing house. In the small exterior courtyard formed between the existing house and the addition, there is proposed to be a small wood deck, with steps down into the yard as well as some stepped seating and a wood planter. On the rear of the addition would be a new screened porch with a small stair down into the yard. There are proposed to be multi-slide glass patio doors onto the wood deck and onto the screened porch; neither of these will be visible from the street.

There currently exists a small chicken coop in the backyard with a run that extends toward the house. Given the location of the addition, the fencing around the coop would need to be relocated to the opposite side of the coop. The backyard also contains a fenced in garden area that is currently right in front of the proposed screened porch steps; the owners will either slightly reduce the size of the garden or shift the garden to resolve this conflict. The small shed in the far northeast corner of the lot will remain as-is. There is an existing patio space in the backyard that is a patchwork of various types brick and stone pavers. A small portion of this patio will be demolished; however, the rest of the patio will remain, as will the wood pergola above the patio.

Several small non-native trees near the existing screened porch will be removed. The crape myrtle and fig tree, both adjacent to the proposed addition, will remain and will be appropriately protected during construction.

# PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MAJOR WORK DESCRIPTION IN BLACK

All of the existing fences on the site will remain, with the exception of an 11' stretch of wood picket fencing that abuts the existing screened porch.

The overall appearance of the addition will match the existing house. Due to the narrow lot, and to the proximity of the neighboring houses on either side, the addition will be only slightly visible from the street. The addition increases the built mass to open area ratio from 21.1% to 30.6%; the houses on this block range from 18.2% to 40.1%, with an average of 28.8%, so the proposed ratio is typical for the block. 609 Polk Street has already had several additions to the rear, as have all 5 of the identical houses on this block. 613 Polk Street in particular has a similarly sized footprint to what is proposed for 609 Polk Street.

# DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS

The primary exterior material of the addition will be Hardie Artisan lap siding, painted blue to match the existing house. The addition's brick foundation will be painted blue to match the foundation of the existing house. All new roofs over conditioned space to have medium gray asphalt shingles to match the existing roof. The screened porch is proposed to have a gray TPO roof. Gutters to be half-round, painted black, with round downspouts, painted black, to match those on the existing house. All trim, fascia boards, and soffits to be painted off-white to match the trim on the existing house. All new windows and sliding patio doors to be aluminum-clad wood with a dark bronze finish. Windows to be 2-over-2 double-hung to match the existing house, with the exception of a small casement window at the master toilet and casements at the corner window unit in the master bath. All new railings to be custom steel picket railings, painted black. The new chimney for the gas fireplace is to have housing with lap siding painted to match the existing house. The wood decking and steps will be either ipe or cumaru, with horizontal wood plank skirting to match.

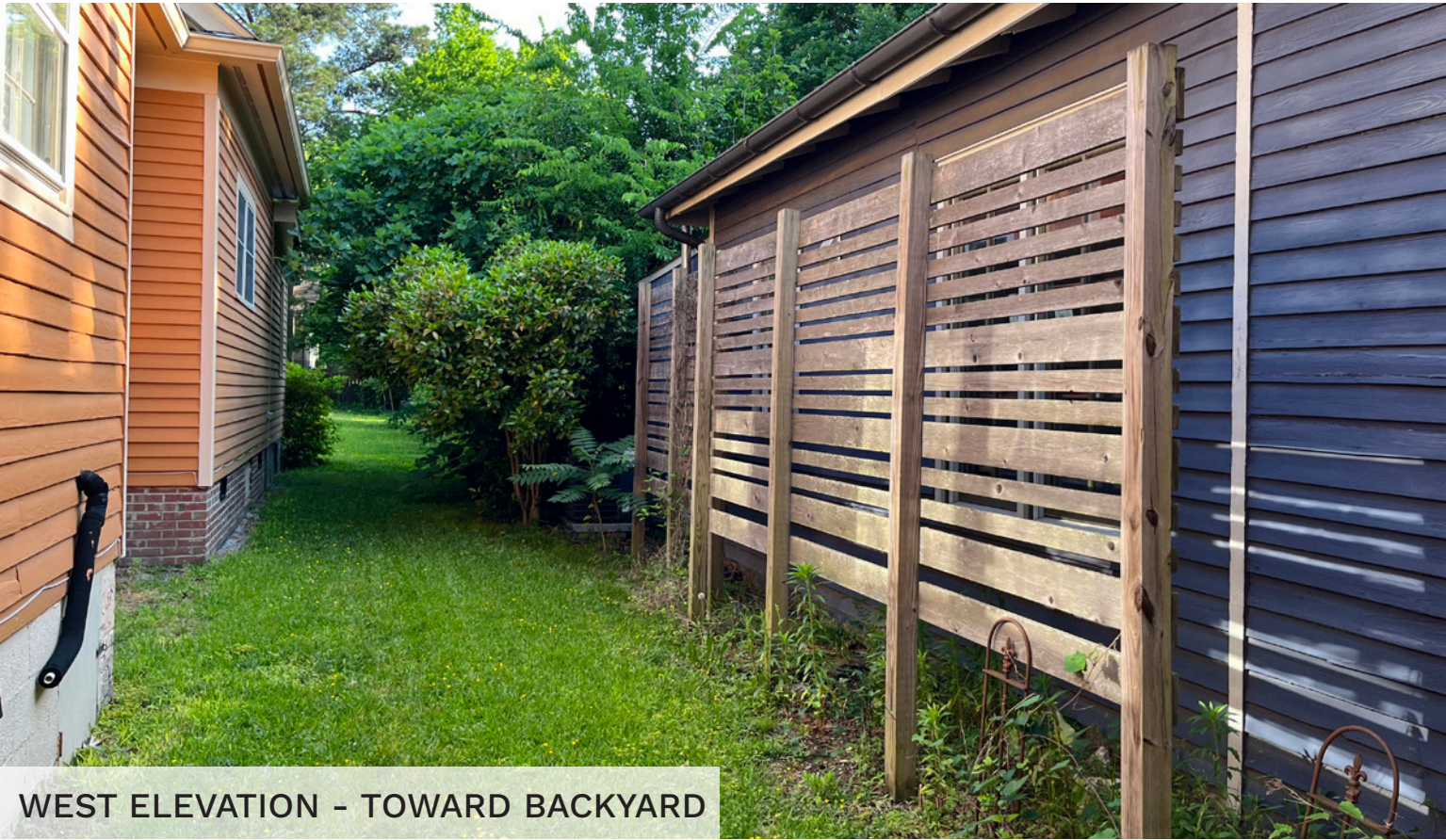
# MINOR WORK DESCRIPTION

The major work design approved per COA-0062-2023 included a wood stair behind the new screened porch. We request to rotate this stair 90 degrees so that it no longer encroaches on the existing garden area.















EAST PROPERTY LINE IS BEHIND FENCE

NON-HISTORIC ADDITION  
AT 611 POLK ST

611 POLK ST MECH UNIT IS DIRECTLY  
ADJACENT TO EAST PROPERTY LINE



PROXIMITY OF ADJACENT NON-HISTORIC ADDITION AT 611 POLK ST

EAST PROPERTY LINE IS BEHIND FENCE

605 POLK ST

609 POLK ST

EXISTING PHOTOS -  
RELATIONSHIPS TO PROPERTY LINES



PROXIMITY OF HISTORIC HOUSE TO WEST PROPERTY LINE



PROXIMITY OF ADJACENT NON-HISTORIC ADDITION AT 611 POLK ST



PROXIMITY OF MECH UNIT TO WEST PROPERTY LINE



FLOOR PLAN  
PROPOSED

