

Detroit Historic District Commission

RESOLUTION 20-04

BY COMMISSIONER _____

WHEREAS, the Michigan Local Historic District Act, Being MCL 399.205(10), authorizes the Detroit Historic District Commission to “delegate the issuance of certificates of appropriateness for the specified minor classes of work to its staff or another delegated authority,” and “the commission shall provide to the delegated authority specific written standards for issuing certificates of appropriateness”; and

WHEREAS, the 1984 Detroit City Code, being Section 25-2-57(b), authorizes the Detroit Historic District Commission to delegate the issuance of certificates of appropriateness for specified minor classes of work to its staff “and the commission shall provide to the delegated authority specific written standards for issuing certificates of appropriateness;” and

WHEREAS, there are additional types of work that should be classified as “routine work” and can be approved by staff or another delegated authority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Detroit Historic District Commission hereby issues a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to the DTE Gas Company in all locally-designated historic districts for the purpose of installing new exterior gas meters, new underground gas main lines, and new underground gas service lines in those districts, provided that the procedure used to install the new equipment occurs under the following conditions:

1. DTE Gas Company shall ask the property owner for a preferred location for exterior meters that is consistent with this resolution and shall install exterior meters in such location unless technically infeasible, hazardous, or prohibited by law. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as compelling exterior relocations of gas meters except as required by law;
2. An exterior meter shall be installed on a side (i.e., perpendicular to the main façade) or back elevation of the building if the building is not sited on a corner lot or along a public alley;
3. If installing the meter at a building sited on a corner lot or along a public alley, then locate the equipment at the side elevation (perpendicular to the main façade) opposite to the right-of-way;
4. Utilize directional drilling for gas line installation where feasible to minimize ground disturbance; and
5. Where disturbance to elements within districts (including sidewalks, streets, shrubs, trees, lawn, curbing, etc.) results from the proposed work, then restore the affected area to its pre-construction condition. Historic built/architectural elements disrupted by the work shall be retained, securely stored and properly reinstalled; reproductions shall not be permitted. Any trees, shrubs, perennials, groundcovers or similar permanent plantings (to include underground bulbs, rhizomes, etc.) shall be preserved and protected in situ to the

extent feasible. DTE Gas Company shall request that the property owner identify such plantings prior to commencement of the work.

Dated: August 12, 2020

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