

**Detroit Historic District Commission**

**RESOLUTION**

**13-03**

**BY COMMISSIONER Landsberg.**

**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 or and the commission shall provide to the delegated authority specific written standards for issuing certificates of appropriateness;” “On at least a quarterly basis, the commission shall review the certificates of appropriateness if any, issued for work by its staff or other delegated authority to determine whether or not the delegation of such authority should be continued”; and

**WHEREAS**, ON August 13, 1997, the Detroit Historic District Commission passed a resolution which authorized its staff to “approve certain types of building permit applications”; 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 DTE Gas Company is hereby issued a Certificate of Appropriateness 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 (perpendicular to the main facade) or back elevation of the building if the building is *not* sited on a corner lot or along a public alley;
4. 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 main facade) opposite to the public right of way;
5. If the property owner so chooses, an exterior meter may be painted to blend in with/match the surroundings. DTE Gas Company shall be responsible for such painting;
6. Utilize directional drilling for gas line installation where feasible to minimize ground disturbance; and
7. Where disturbance to elements within districts (including sidewalks, streets, shrubs, trees, lawns, 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. At vacant/abandoned properties, Commission staff will consult. Any such designated plants heavily damaged or destroyed by the work (either directly or within one calendar year due to excessive disturbance or transplantation) shall be replaced by DTE Gas Company with identical species/cultivars of similar size, type, quantity and quality, and installed by qualified landscape contractors. Such replantings shall be warranted by DTE Gas Company or its subcontractor for one (1) additional calendar year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the DTE Gas Company shall submit quarterly reports to the Commission listing the addresses and locations where any new exterior gas meters, new underground gas main lines, and new underground gas service lines have been installed pursuant to and under the Certificate of Appropriateness. Reports shall include detailed digital photos/images of each site installation *and* a photo of each site installation taken from the nearest public right-of-way.

ADOPTED 07/18/13