

March 19, 2024

**NOTICE OF DENIAL**

Rose Jax  
Infinite Technologies, LLC  
1927 Rosa Parks Boulevard, Ste. 110  
Detroit MI 48214

**RE: Application Number: HDC2024-00038; 2905 Garland; Ossian Sweet House Historic District  
Project Scope: Install Security Cameras**

Dear Applicant,

At the Regular Meeting that was held on March 13, 2024, the Detroit Historic District Commission (“DHDC”) reviewed the above-referenced application. Pursuant to Section 5(1) and 9(1) of the Michigan Local Historic District Act, as amended, being MCL 399.205 (1), MCL 399.209 (9) and Sections 21-2-78 and 21-2-80 of the 2019 Detroit City Code; the DHDC hereby issues a Denial for the following work, effective on March 19, 2024, as it will be inappropriate according to the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and the district’s Elements of Design:

***Installation of 4 (four) security cameras, one on each exterior wall of the structure per the submitted documents, drawings, product data.***

The Commission’s reason for the denial is that:

- ***The four sides of the dwelling are historically and architecturally significant and are considered character-defining features.***
  - ***The four cameras are to be located on visually prominent locations and would alter the features and spaces that characterize the property.***
  - ***Three of the four cameras are proposed to be installed on masonry walls. It is not clear if the mounting hardware can be placed within mortar joints (regardless of where on a masonry wall the camera is proposed). Mounting on the brick would permanently damage a significant architectural feature.***
  - ***Different cameras may be available within the marketplace that can be installed within the eaves.***

Therefore, this work fails to meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards, specifically Standards:

***Standard 2) The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.***

***Standard 9) New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old***

*and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.*

The application may be resubmitted for the Historic District Commission's review when suggested changes have been made that address the cited reasons for denial, if applicable.

Please be advised that, in accordance with MCL 399. 211 and Section 21-2-81 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, an applicant aggrieved by a decision of the DHDC may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Review Board. Within sixty (60) days of your receipt of this notice, an appeal may be filed with:

Jon Stuckey, Michigan Department of Attorney General  
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525 West Ottawa Street  
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If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please contact staff at 313-224-1762 or [hdc@detroitmi.gov](mailto:hdc@detroitmi.gov).

For the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Audra Dye", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Audra Dye  
Detroit Historic District Commission