

February 5, 2023

City of Detroit Historic District Commission
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 808
Detroit, Michigan 48226

RE: 1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to reported work observed at 1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206 completed without the approval of the City of Detroit Historic District Commission. I am assisting the property owner, Aghogho Edevbie, in this matter. I visited the property on January 24, 2023, and observed the below. I have also included photographs of the existing conditions and older reference photographs.

Front Porch and Roof Reconstruction

By comparing Google Maps photographs, it appears that work to the front porch was completed by the prior owner sometime between 2015 and 2018 which enclosed the porch's historic masonry brick columns on the east and west of the porch in wood, along with the sides of the porch roofline. Sometime between 2018 and 2022, the majority of this wood covering was removed, revealing the historic brick masonry that originally existed. Wood cladding still exists on the east and west of the porch roofline. Other observed changes include repointing of the existing historic masonry brick and the masonry concrete stairs and porch floor have been covered in slate tile.

Rear Porch Installation

There are no reference photos for the rear of the property. Existing conditions are a newly constructed wood porch, where at some point in the past an enclosed porch formerly existed. A ghost of the former enclosure exists on the rear masonry brick façade.

We look forward to resolving this matter to the satisfaction of the City of Detroit Historic District Commission and in line with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Sincerely,



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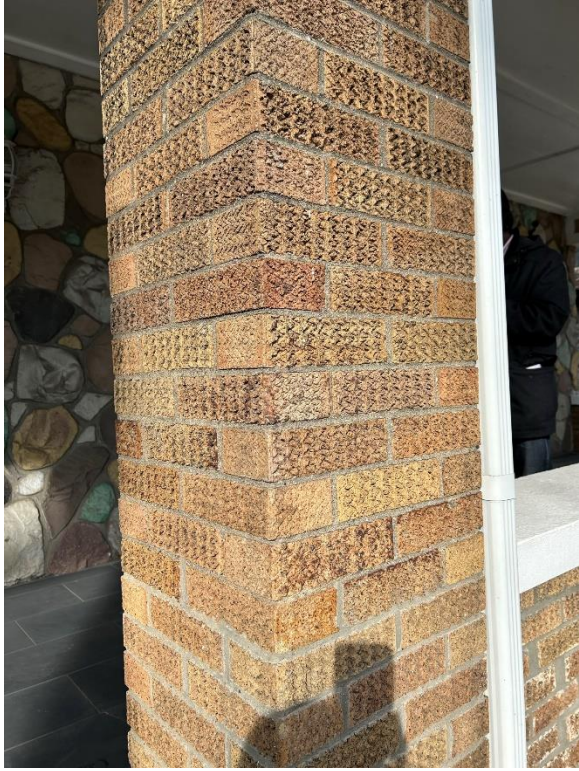
1652 Edison Street Current Photographs, Dated January 24, 2023



1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. Front (south) façade.



1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. Front porch floor.



1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. Front porch brick column.



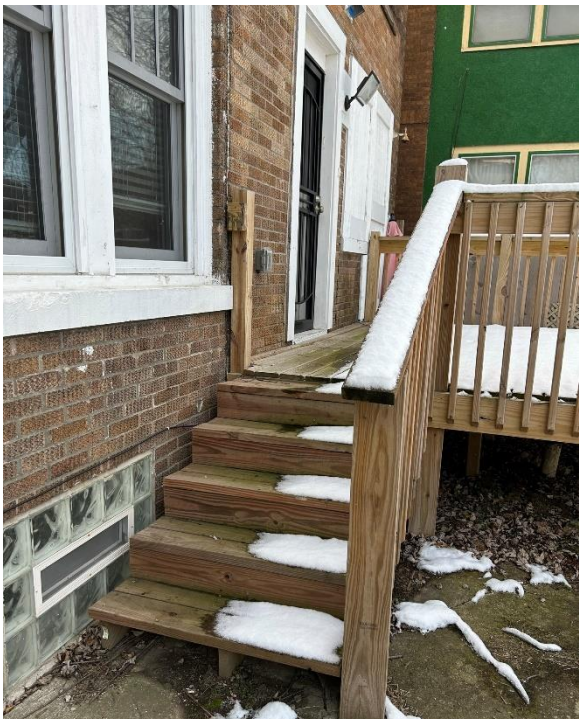
1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. Front porch oblique taken from southeast corner.



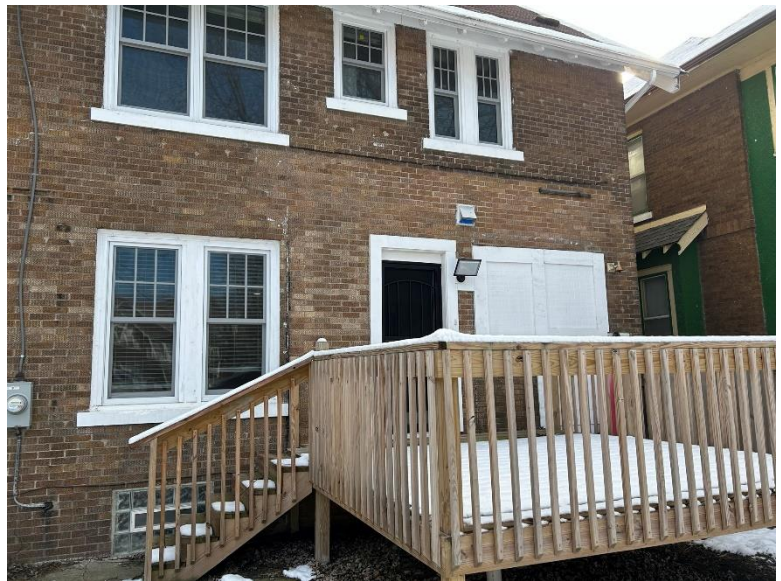
1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. Front porch masonry brick.



1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. Rear (north) facade.



1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. Rear wood porch and stairs.



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1652 Edison Street Old Reference Photographs



1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. 1974 Photograph, courtesy of the City of Detroit Historic District Commission

1652 Edison Street, Detroit, Michigan 48206. Google Maps Images, 2007, 2009, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019

