

NOTE: Based on the scope of work, additional documentation may be required. See www.detroitmi.gov/hdc for scope-specific requirements.

PROJECT DETAILS – TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Instructions: Add project details using the text box in each section. If your details exceed the space provided, attach the details via the attachment icon for that section.

ePLANS PERMIT NUMBER:

(only applicable if you've already applied for permits through ePLANS)

N/A

GENERAL

1. DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING CONDITION

Please tell us about the current appearance and conditions of the areas you want to change. You may use a few sentences or attach a separate prepared document on the right. (For example, "existing roof on my garage is covered in gray asphalt shingles in poor condition.")

2. PHOTOGRAPHS

Help us understand your project. Please attach photographs of all areas where work is proposed.



3. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

In this box, tell us about what you want to do at the areas described above in box #1. (For example, "Install new asphalt shingle roofing at garage.")


4. DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK

In this box, please describe all steps necessary to complete the work described in box #3. (For example, "remove existing shingles, replace wood deck as necessary, replace wood eaves, install roof vents, replace rotted fascia boards, paint, clean worksite.")

5. BROCHURES/CUT SHEETS

Please provide information on the products or materials you are proposing to install. For example, a brochure on the brand and color of the shingles proposed.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

<p>8. SITE IMPROVEMENTS <i>If site improvements are proposed, please provide any relevant site improvement plans pertaining to your project.</i></p>	

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Below is a brief overview of the proposed projects:

1. Front Landscaping – Souliere Landscaping

- a. We plan to replace the existing front landscape beds that have had nothing but overgrown weeds since we purchased the house. We'd like to include Hydrangeas, Boxwoods, Hosta Junes, Geranium Azures Rush plants, and one Maple Emperor tree (to replace the damaged tree previously in its place). The plants will be topped with topsoil and mulch pine bark. We understand the importance of preserving the historical character of the neighborhood and have taken great care to design a remodel that aligns with these values. We are more than happy to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have regarding our proposal. A proposed rendering is below:

Current State:



Proposed State:



2. **Fence Replacement Due to Irreparable Condition – Kimberly Fence**

- a. ****Reason for Replacement****: The existing fence has deteriorated significantly over time due to weathering and decay. It is now at risk of collapsing, posing a safety concern for residents. As such, replacement is imperative to ensure the structural integrity and safety of the property.

- b. ****Design and Materials****: Our proposal entails the installation of a new fence that exactly resembles the original design of the back portion of the fence, in adherence to the historical character of the neighborhood. For some reason there are multiple styles of both Picket Top and Dog Eared Top. We plan on moving forward with Dog Eared Top. We intend to use Cedar to match the appearance of the original fence while incorporating modern construction techniques to enhance durability and longevity. The only new addition would be a very narrow black steel hinged gate to match our immediate neighbors and to provide additional safety from someone entering the small galley like side yard – noted in drawing below.

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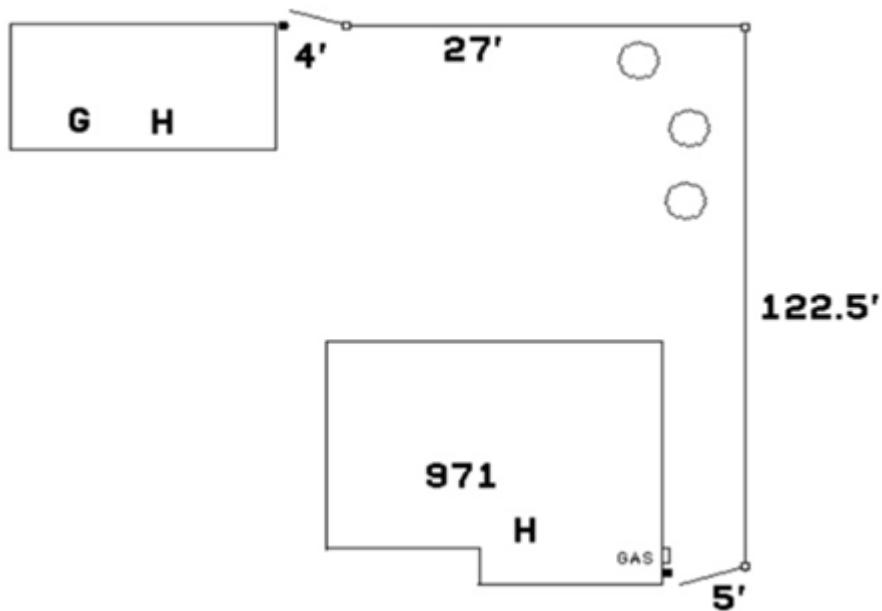


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- c. ****Height and Dimensions****: The new fence will maintain the same height and dimensions as the existing one, preserving the privacy and boundary delineation of the property in accordance with the guidelines stipulated by the historical district commission (see image below).



- d. ****Timeline and Implementation****: We aim to commence the replacement process at the earliest convenience. All construction activities will be conducted in compliance with local regulations and with minimal disruption to the surrounding area.

- e. ****Consultation and Compliance****: Prior to commencing work, we will consult with relevant authorities and obtain any necessary permits to ensure full compliance with regulatory requirements. Additionally, we are committed to working closely with the historical district commission to address any concerns and ensure that the replacement project aligns with the preservation goals of the neighborhood. We recognize the importance of preserving the historical integrity of the neighborhood and are fully committed to undertaking the fence replacement in a manner that respects and upholds these values.

3. **Garage Repair and Garage Chimney Repair Due to Severe Deterioration and Corrosion – Artisan Contracting Firm**

- a. ****Reason for Repairs****: The structure of the existing garage, has deteriorated significantly over time due to erosion and structural decay. Its compromised condition presents a safety hazard to residents and neighboring properties, necessitating repairs to ensure the integrity and safety of the premises. We will keep the existing metal ash door and install in exact same location.
- b. The chimney will also be repaired with a similar structure with Detroit Brick Veneer.
- c. The gutters will also be repaired, as they are cracked and hanging in certain areas.

Current State of Garage:



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fix wire line to hold the back wall of the garage to the front, but it is not safe and is not a long-term solution.

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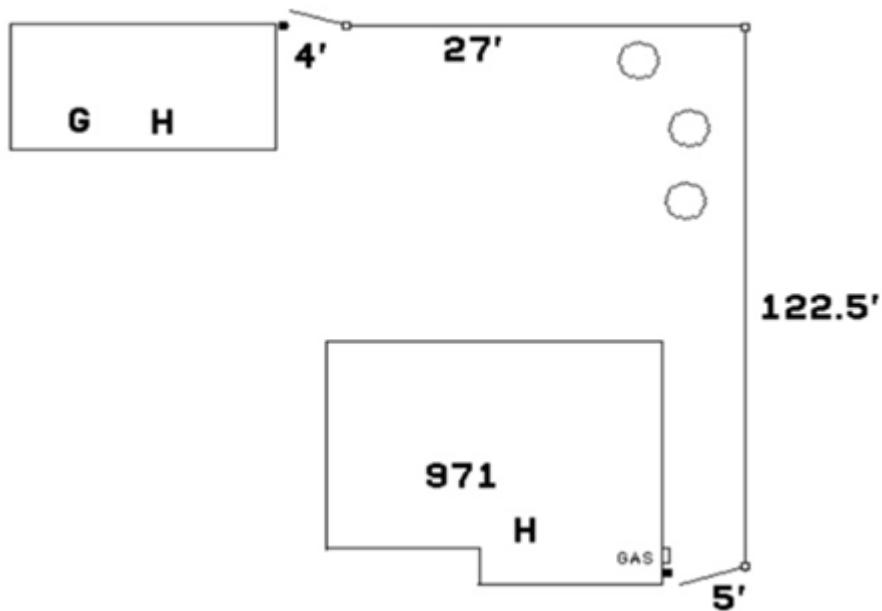


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