

To Whom It May Concern:

In regards to my rental house located at 1725 9th St I would like the following to be taken into consideration:

I did agree to put the scalloped trim back up because I felt if I did not agree to this point... the HPS would find "adverse effect" and I would not get the permit. I did not have much time to waste since my house no longer had any siding or much house wrap so timing was a serious issue. At the time I did not realize that scalloped trim would not be readily available at any local store and like most home repair projects, I thought it would have been done months sooner. The reality is, it was not done when I expected and when the siding was done... it was at the point I needed to get gutters up before we started to see a month of rain. This house does not have the traditional soffits or roof overhang so putting up the scalloped trim is not as easy as I once thought now that the gutters are up and I did not have time for this process to play out.

I have never had to go through a process like this so this has been an educational experience to say the least. I understand why this process is in place but it still amazes me a select group of people can dictate what kind of materials I use, the manner I install them, and the pattern I want for installation on a property I own. It also bothers me that this house was allowed to go into disrepair and no one said a word until I started to fix it up. My small simple house that looks like a dozen others across town sits on the wrong side of a line on a neighborhood map.

I feel I made an effort to do what I agreed to. At this point, I do not feel it is worth the effort it would take to give the house a piece of decorative trim I have never wanted, just to please a select few. I have spent a lot of extra money to comply and I have done more to preserve the historical character of the house than any other person in the last 20 years.

I have put on a new roof, new siding, new gutters, painted windows and installed a new front screen door, refinished the wood floors, removed the downstairs bath to be up to code, brought most of the electrical up to code, updated the upstairs bath, new dishwasher, and replaced the sump pump 3 times and this last time I replumbed the whole system to move more water further away from the house. I live a few blocks from this house and my kids either attended or attend Wilson School so we care about this neighborhood and the quality of homes in it.

I would also like to note that the current renter wants to purchase the home in the spring and she also does not want the scalloped trim.

Thank you for your time and understanding

Sincerely
Chad McDonald