

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2016-0552  
609 TILLERY STREET**

**PROPOSAL**

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Demolish a ca. 1956 house.

**ARCHITECTURE**

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One-story, rectangular-plan, front-gabled stuccoed frame house with single 2:2 horizontally-configured fenestration; the full-width independent, shed-roofed front porch has been removed from the house.

**RESEARCH**

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There are listings in the city directories for this address in the early 1950s, but they reference a vacant house. City building permits show a 1956 construction date. The house was first owned by Steve and Connie Castillo in the late 1950s and early 1960s; he was a driver for the City Sewer Division and she was a packer for Leonard East Produce Company, a wholesale poultry business, and later a fountain woman at Robert Chambers' restaurant on the Drag. Steve Castillo is listed here until around 1960; Connie Castillo is listed here until the mid-1960s. The house was then owned and occupied by Cruz, Jr. and Sulema Romo, who lived here until the mid-1970s. Cruz Romo, Jr. was a construction worker. He and Sulema divorced in Travis County in 1975. The house has been a rental property since that time.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

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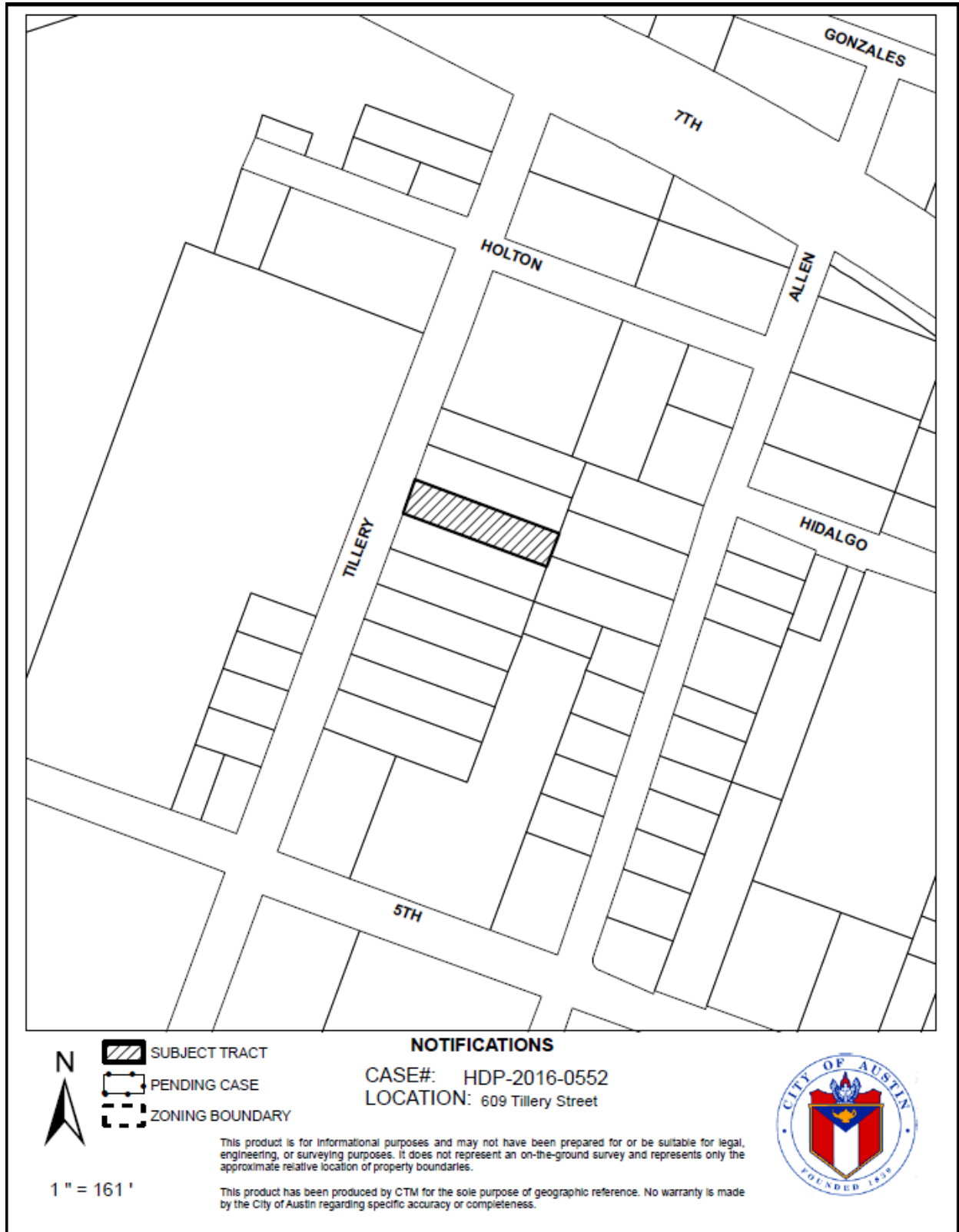
The house is beyond the bounds of any City survey to date.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Release the permit. The house has been significantly altered so documentation of its current appearance is not warranted.

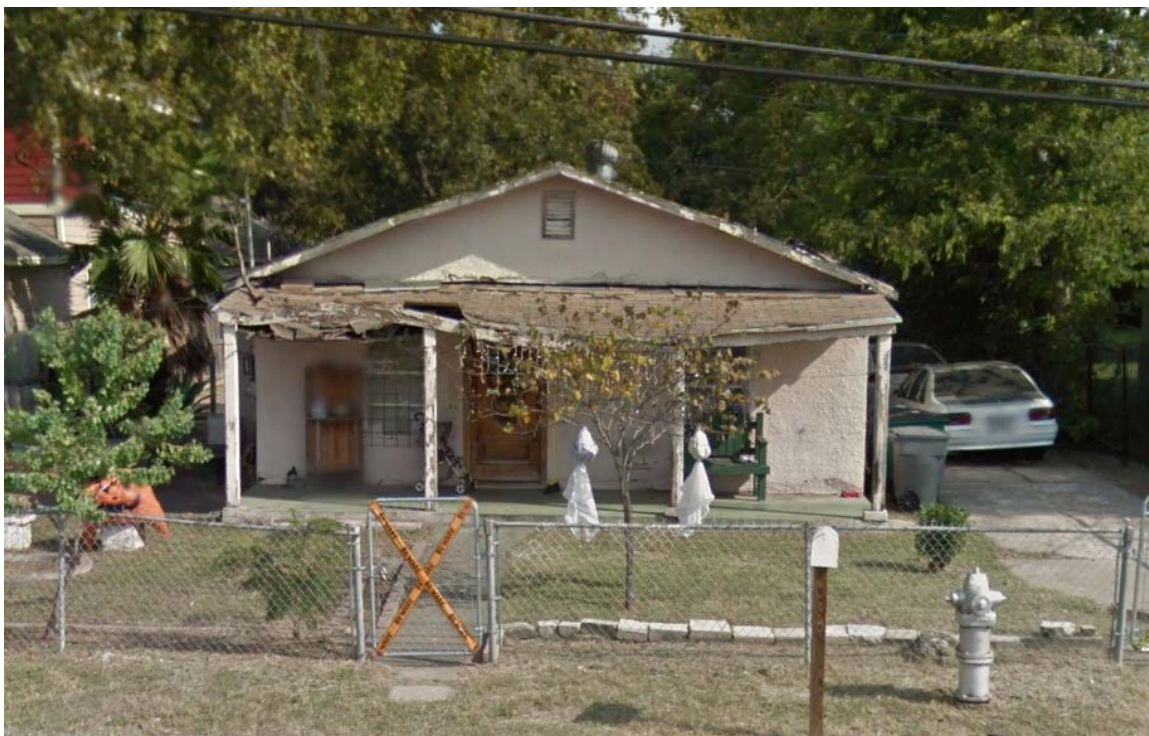
## LOCATION MAP



609 Tillery Street  
ca. 1956



Photo taken by City staff, August, 2016



Google Street View photo of the house, October, 2014

## OCCUPANCY HISTORY 609 Tillery Street

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office  
August, 2016

1992	Oscar and Dora Romo, renters Employed by Louis Shanks Furniture, 1011-1105 N. Lamar Boulevard, 2930 W. Anderson Lane, and 13805 Research Boulevard.
1985-86	Vacant
1981	Arthur Garcia, renter Broom maker
1977	Cruz, Jr. and Sulema Romo, owners Construction worker NOTE: Cruz and Sulema Romo divorced in July, 1975. Both Cruz and Sulema Romo were estimated to have been born in 1943. Cruz Romo, Jr. remarried in 1990.
1973	Cruz, Jr. and Sulema Romo, owners Construction worker
1968	Cruz, Jr. and Sulema Romo, owners Construction worker
1965	Connie Castillo, owner Fountain woman, Robert Chambers Company, restaurant, 2230 Guadalupe Street. NOTE: Cruz, Jr. and Sulema Romo are listed at 730 Northwestern Avenue; he was a laborer.
1962	Connie Castillo, owner Packer, L. East Produce Company, wholesale poultry, 706 E. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street.
1960	Steve and Connie Castillo, owners Driver, City Sewer Division
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1957	Vacant NOTE: Steve and Connie Castillo are not listed in the directory.
1955	Vacant
1952	Vacant
1949	The address is not listed in the directory.

J. B. Hardin 609 Tillery St.  
 270 7  
 Corner Addn.  
 Fr. Res. with  
 63628 5-3-56 \$3,000.  
 Owner

Building permit for the construction of this house (1956)

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

No. 26665A ✓

Received of H.W. SAUER Date 11-28-16  
 Address 609 TILLERY  
 Amount TWENTY-FIVE AND 7/100 \$ 25.00  
 Builder or Owner SAME Plumber Hattand  
 Lot 7 Block - Subdivision Commercial Pl. Plat No. 270

Date of Connection 12-17-56  
 By City 2.5 H. OF SLL ✓  
 By Plumber  
 Checked By Fern Stana  
 Size Main 12" Depth  
 Main Assign. 10 1/2' F070  
 Stub Depth 4 Prop. Line 2  
 Stub Location 6' 50" of SLL (8+02)  
 Book No. B-1833  
 Paving Cut No.  
 OR 12-6-56 L A.

No.	Fittings	Pipe	Size	Price
9	Pipe	6"	198	
1	Wyes	Branch 6"	110	
	Bends			
	Reducers			
	Plugs			
	Sand		10	
	Gravel		10	
	Remix			
	Stoppers			
	Castings			
	Other			
	Labor: 16		1600	
	Truck		150	
	Foreman		217	
	Total		2295	

Sewer service permit for this address (1956)

3/18/83 RTMS

OWNER	Cruz Romo	ADDRESS	609 Tillery Street
PLAT	270	LOT	7
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SUBDIVISION	Comer Addition		
OCCUPANCY	Garage		
BLD PERMIT #	103379	DATE	5-1-67
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	75.00
CONTRACTOR	owner	NO. OF FIXTURES	
WATER TAP REC #		SEWER TAP REC #	
Frame Accessory Building			
288 sq.ft.			
<del>11-3-70-119695-frn addn to rear of residence 294 sq. ft.</del>			
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Building permit to Cruz Romo, Jr. for a frame accessory building (1967) and for a frame addition to the rear of the house (1970)