

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION**  
**JUNE 25, 2018**  
**PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS**  
**NRD-2018-0046**  
**1708 WINDSOR ROAD**  
**OLD WEST AUSTIN HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**PROPOSAL**

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Enclose a porte-cochere in a ca. 1935 house.

**PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS**

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The proposed project includes enclosing the first-floor porte-cochere to create room for an elevator. The porte-cochere was originally constructed as a one-story element; a second story was added after 1961 (possibly in 1992). The proposed addition will be clad in painted brick to match the existing house; the porte-cochere brick columns and existing brick header will be retained. A recessed entry porch on the new primary (east) façade will include a paneled, partially-glazed door. Windows on the new side (north) elevation will consist of wood-sash or clad-wood casement windows with brick headers.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW**

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The house is a contributing property in the Old West Austin Historic District. The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate projects on contributing buildings in National Register historic districts. Applicable standards include:

2. *The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.*

The proposed project would alter the property's historic character by changing the spatial relationship of the porte-cochere (an original element) to the rest of the house. However, it should be noted that a second story was added to the porte-cochere at an unknown date, possibly as recently as 1992; so the design and spatial relationship of the porte-cochere have already been altered. The most prominent massing—that of the main house—will be retained and preserved.

3. *Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.*

The proposed project will retain the porte-cochere columns and header, providing a subtle differentiation between the historic property and new infill.

9. *New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.*

The proposed project alters the historic character of the property by filling in the porte-cochere. Infill cladding will be painted brick to match existing, and may be set back slightly from the porte-cochere columns. The entrance and windows of the addition will be differentiated from the original windows. The house's historic character will otherwise be retained and preserved.

*10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.*

While it would be difficult to reverse the proposed change, the infill addition could be removed and the essential form and integrity of the historic property unimpaired.

The proposed project somewhat complies with the standards. The project does change the character of the property, but by altering an element that has already been altered.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Encourage the applicant to consider constructing a rear addition instead of enclosing the porte-cochere. If that is not possible, encourage the front wall to be flush and the entrance removed, so that the original form of the porte-cochere is more legible.

LOCATION MAP



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-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

**NOTIFICATIONS**

CASE#: NRD-2018-0046  
LOCATION: 1708 Windsor Road



1" = 101'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

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*Photos*



*East (primary) façade of 1708 Windsor Road.*



*Detail of porte-cochere.*

Building Permits

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Winters  
146 20

1708 Windsor Road

Enfield

Remodel interior of house-add two baths & remodel kitchen.  
72460 4/16/59 8000.00

W.T. Walker & Son

5 added

Remodel enclosed porch to form bathroom & powder room.  
and remodel kitchen

Building permit issued to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winters to remodel the interior of the house, 4/16/1959.

LOT 21  
SEC 146

## WATER SERVICE PERMIT

Austin, Texas

E J No. 19710

Received of SAM WINTERS Date 5-5-59

Address 1708 WINDSOR

Amount FORTY \$ 40.00

Plumber MIDDLETON Size of Tap 1 1/2"

Date of Connection	<u>5-8-59</u>
Size of Tap Made	<u>1 1/2"</u>
Size Service Made	<u>1 1/2"</u>
Size Main Tapped	<u>4"</u>
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock	
From West Prop. Line to Curb Cock	<u>42'</u>
Location of Meter	<u>Alley</u>
Type of Box	<u>Round</u>
Depth of Main in St.	<u>3'</u>
Depth of Service Line	<u>over main</u>
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main	<u>2'</u>
Checked by Engr. Dept.	<u>7-29-59</u>

Replaced 7868

No. Fittings	Size
2	Pipe 1 1/2" Cop. 1 1/2"
1	Corp. Cock
	Cop. to Iron ell
	Cop. to Cop. ell
1	Cop. to Iron Coupling 1 1/2"
	Cop. to Cop. Coupling
	Angle Stop
	Stop
	Bushing
1	Nipples 9" Brass 4" x 1 1/2"
1	Service Clamp 1 1/2"
1	Valve Round
1	Meter Box
1	Lock Lid
2	Drain Tile
2	Drain Tile Lid
	Stop & Drain
	Job. No. <u>W-323-700-582</u>
	Foreman <u>W. J. Falk</u>

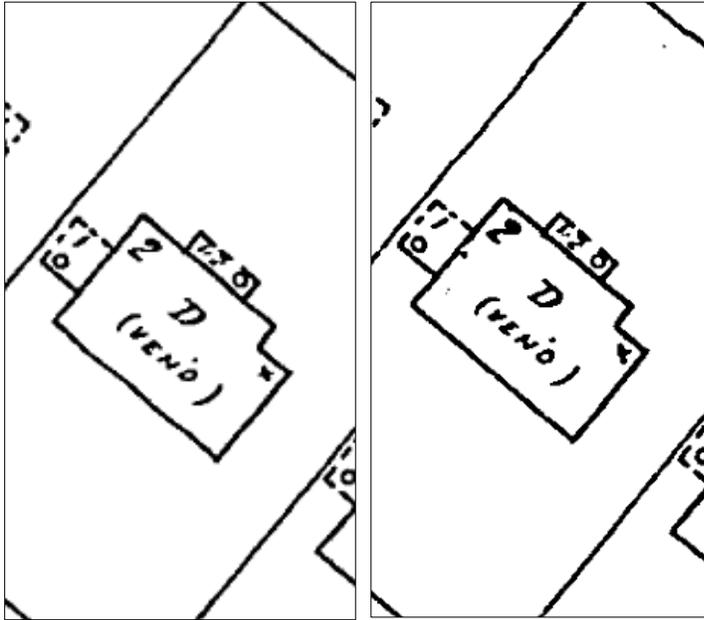
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Water service permit issued to Sam Winters, 5/5/1959.

1992 007959 00 00 BP Building Permit				
<b>Type</b>	BP Building Permit	<b>Status</b>	Final	
<b>Sub Type</b>	R- 434 Addition & Alterations	<b>Parent ID</b>		
<b>Work</b>	Addition	<b>Row ID</b>	604758	
<b>Group</b>	Permits			
Primary Property				
<b>Address</b>	1708 WINDSOR ROAD, AUSTIN, Texas, 78703, USA	<b>Roll</b>	0112020503	<b>Prop ID</b> 393386 <b>Folder Unit</b>
<b>Location</b>	Enfield B Block: Lot: 20 Enfield B 20			
Tracking Dates and Reference Information				
<b>In Date</b>	Feb 27, 1992	<b>Issue/Approve</b>	Feb 27, 1992	<b>Expires</b> Aug 31, 1992
<b>Ref. No.</b>	9202226	<b>Issued By</b>	PIER_ADP	<b>Final Date</b> Aug 31, 1992
<b>Name</b>	1708 Windsor Road A 00000			<b>Priority</b>
Description				
Add 2nd Flr Sittingrm & Breakfast Rm (Res)				

*Building permit for second-story addition, 2/27/1992. This addition may have been constructed atop the porte-cochere.*

*Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*



*1935 map*

*1961 map*

*Both Sanborn maps show a one-story porte-cochere on the north side of the house, indicating that the second-floor addition occurred after 1961.*