

**3009 Bowman**

**West Austin Case**

# Overview

- Request: To release the demolition permit.
- Staff Recommendation: The site “may” meet two criteria for designation, though “there is a question of integrity” as to whether it truly meets architectural criteria.
- Discussion: Staff reports that “it is unlikely that Rev. Barclay would recognize the current building.”

# Historic Designation Criteria

Code Criteria (Must Meet Two)	3009 Bowman
Architecture	?
Historic Association	?
Archaeology	✗
Community Value	✗
Landscape Feature	✗

# A Question of Integrity: Architecture

*Staff Report:*

*“[T]he new addition to the south dwarfs [the original part of the house] so **there is a question of integrity** here that the Commission needs to decide as to whether the house meets the architectural significance criterion at this point.*

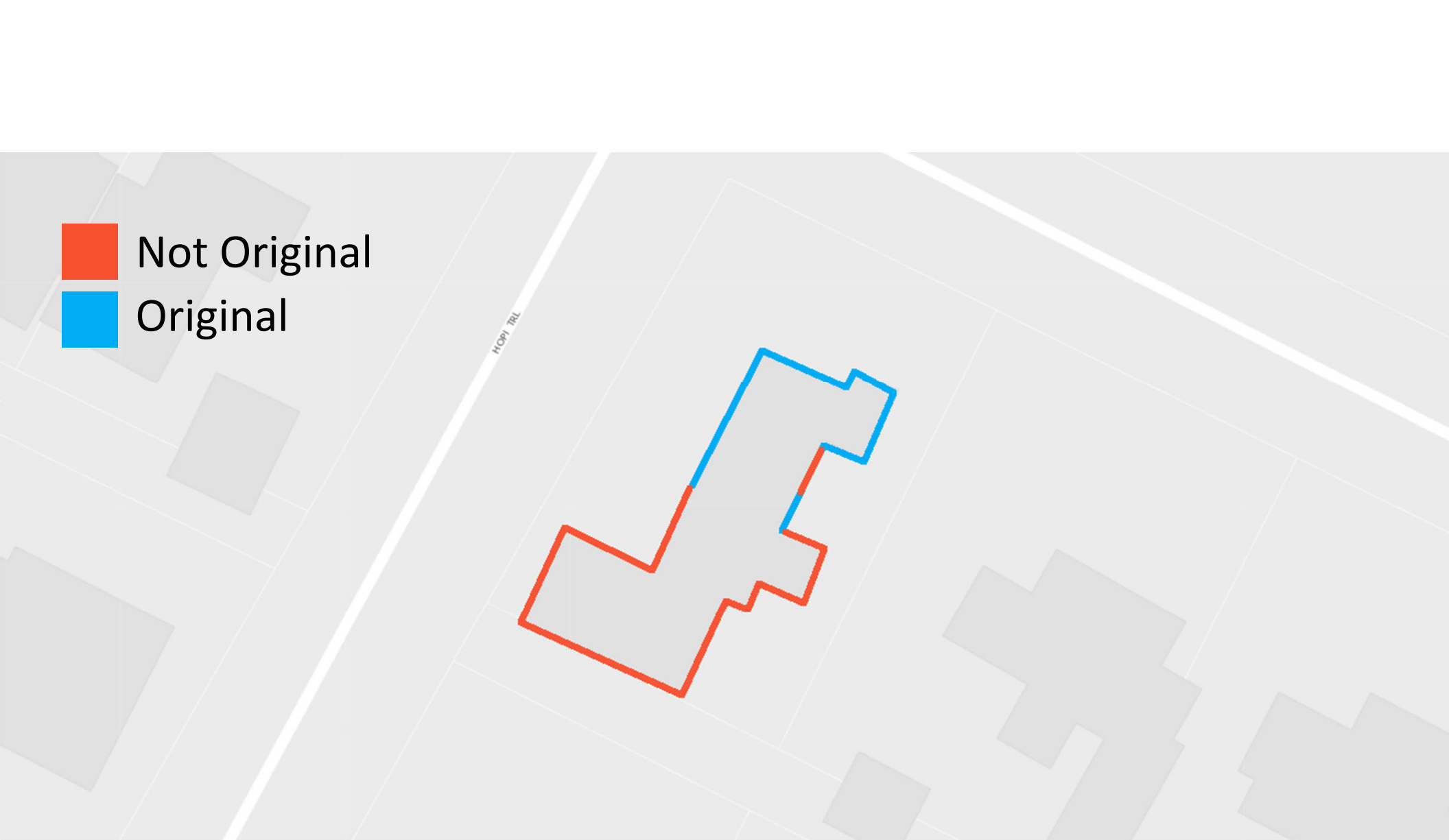
# A Question of Integrity: Architecture

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Site Footprint



Not Original

Original

The image is an aerial photograph of a residential area. A central building is outlined with a thick line. The line is red for the majority of the perimeter, indicating it is 'Not Original'. A portion of the line, specifically the upper right section, is blue, indicating it is 'Original'. The building has a complex, irregular shape. Surrounding the building are other structures and a road labeled 'HOPI TRL'.

Roughly 60 percent of the façade perimeter is not part of the original home.

**Not Original**



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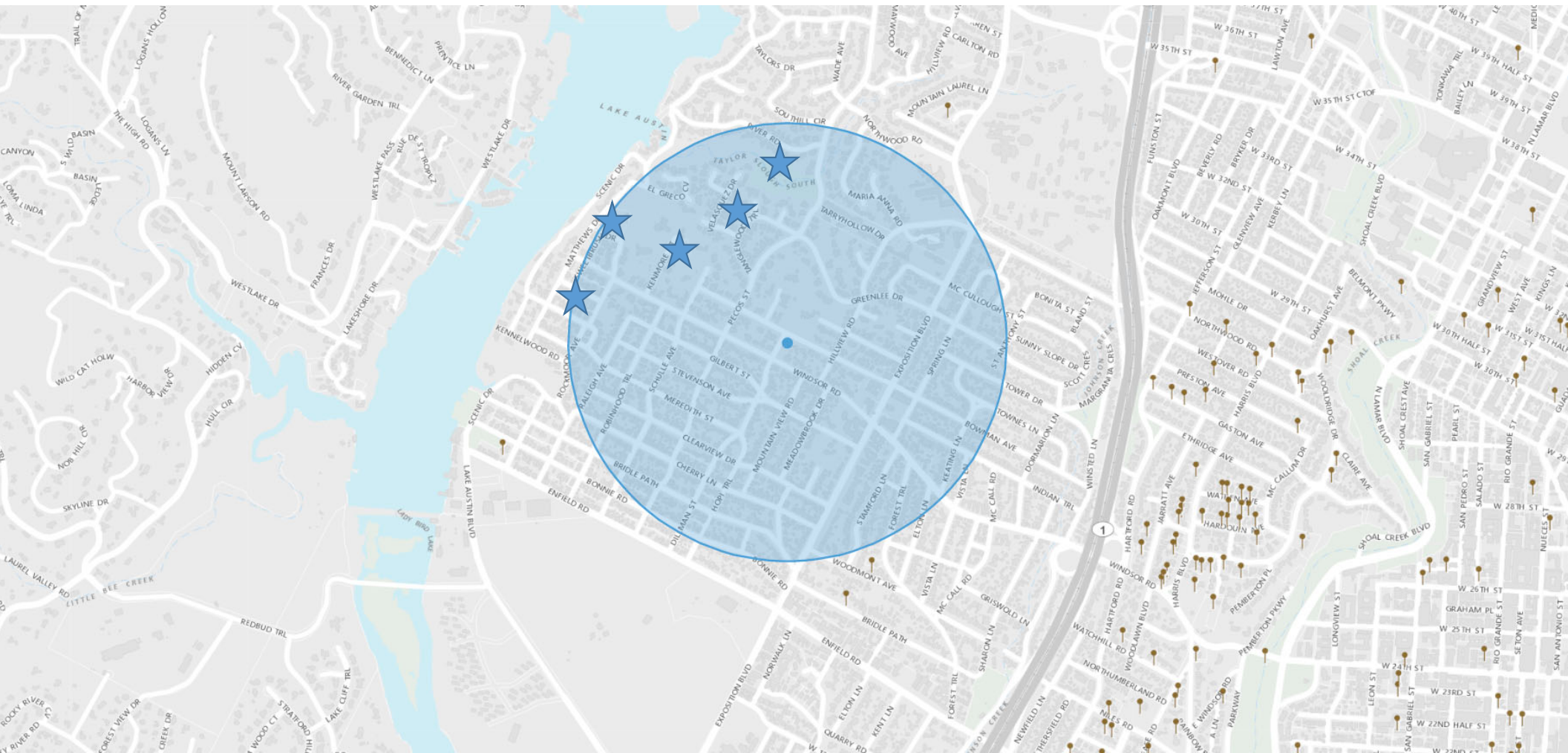
# Historic Association

## Historic Association: Rev. John Barclay

- Pastor at Central Christian Church when LBJ was in the congregation.
- Offered a prayer at the inauguration of LBJ/JFK (1961).

## Policy Questions for Consideration:

- While Rev. Barclay, like many local leaders, knew LBJ, does this connection warrant historic designation?
- If connection to LBJ is sufficient for historic designation, such a decision – when applied consistently – would likely result in designation (and tax exemption) for various other West Austin homes.



There are five historic landmarks within a half-mile of this property

## Condition: Lead Paint

The property owners hired experts to conduct an environmental test of the original portion of the home, which confirmed that lead paint is present in the existing home.

This has contributed to the property owner's decision to seek to construct a new, less compromised home on the site.

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# Recap

Staff has indicated that 3009 Bowman “may” meet two criteria for historic designation related to Rev. John Barclay.

However, the original structure has undergone significant changes, and staff states that the current building would likely be unrecognizable to Rev. Barclay.

Ultimately, the structure does not meet criteria for historic designation – and we ask that the Historic Landmark Commission release the demolition permit.