### HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION Permits in National Register Historic Districts June 1, 2022 PR-2022-051491; GF-2022-067311 Old West Austin 1810 Mohle Drive

#### PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1946 house.

#### ARCHITECTURE

One-story side-gabled house with shed-roofed covered entryway, symmetrical paired 6:6 wood windows, and an enclosed rear porch.

#### RESEARCH

The house at 1810 Mohle Drive was built in 1946 by James R. Mosely. It served as a rental for the first few years of its existence. By 1949, Ralph R. and Faye Upchurch had purchased the property. Ralph Upchurch worked as the chief auditor for the Texas State Employees' Retirement System. The Upchurch family occupied the residence until around 1957, when it again became a rental property.

#### **PROPERTY EVALUATION**

The property contributes to the Old West Austin National Register district.

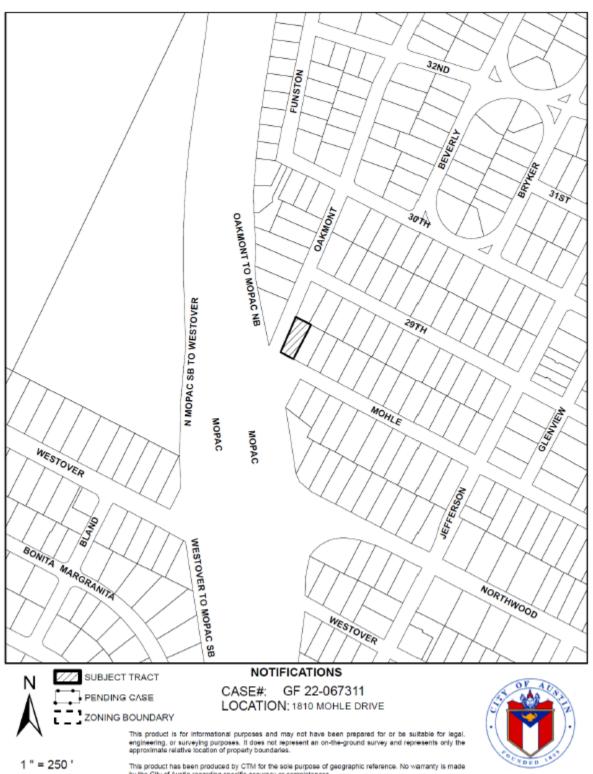
#### Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352). Staff has evaluated the property and determined that it does not meet two criteria:
  - a. Architecture. The building does not appear to convey architectural significance.
  - b. Historical association. The property does not appear to have significant historical associations.
  - *c*. Archaeology. The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - *d*. Community value. The property does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic.
  - e. Landscape feature. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the demolition permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package. Demolition permits in National Register Historic Districts may not be released prior to Historic Landmark Commission review of new construction plans.

## LOCATION MAP



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## **PROPERTY INFORMATION**

## Photos





Zillow.com, 2022

Occupancy History City Directory Research, May 2022

1959	Albert J. Jr. and Bernice M. Cichon, renters		
	Manager, Pacific Finance Loans		

- 1957 Address not listed
- 1955 Robert and Patsy Upchurch, owners Student
- 1952 Ralph R. and Faye Upchurch, owners Chief accountant, State Employee Retirement System
- 1949 Elmer J. and Earlene Gillespie, renters Auditor, State Highway Department
- 1947 Vacant
- 1944 Address not listed

Historical Information

TO WED IN JULY—Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Orland B. Baker, 1808 Mohle Drive, of the engagement of their daughter, Joan Kathryn, to Ralph Roland Upchurch Jr. The wedding will take place July 12 at the Central Methodist Church with the Rev. Will Mathis Dunn officiating. The bride-elect was graduated from Fort Smith High School, Fort Smith, Ark., and attended Draughn's Business College there. She has been employed with the Department of Public Safety here for eight months. Mr. Upchurch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Upchurch Sr., 1810 Mohle Drive, attended Sunset High School in Dallas and served in the US Army from November, 1947, to February, 1952, including 15 months in Korea. Since his discharge he has been employed with the State Health Department.—(Christianson-Leberman Photo)

"TO WED IN JULY." The Austin American (1914-1973), Apr 13, 1952. 1.



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"Display Ad 22 -- no Title." The Austin Statesman (1921-1973), Jan 29, 1972. 15.

"Anniversary." The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Nov 09, 1977.

UPCHURCH, Mrs. Faye, 4121 Honeycomb Rock Circle, died Friday. Services 2 p.m. Sunday at Cook-Walden Funeral Home. Survivors: husband, Ralph R. Upchurch Sr. of Austin; sons, Ralph R. Upchurch Jr. of Buchanan Dam, Robert H. Upchurch, William B. Upchurch, both of Austin; daughter, Mrs. Louis G. (Margaret) Broad of Los Angeles, Calif; sister, Mrs. J.C. Hickey of Dallas; brother, Jack Hammett of San Antonio; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

"Deaths and Services." The Austin American Statesman (1973-1980), Oct 27, 1978.

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