

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Demolition and Relocation Permits
November 4, 2026
PR-2026-130461
2002 New York Avenue

Proposal

Demolish a ca. 1940 house.

Architecture

The house located at 2002 New York Avenue is a modest 480 square foot, single story wood frame building in the National Folk style. It is elevated on piers, which are covered at the perimeter by a plywood and particle board skirt. The walls are clad in an irregularly-spaced board and batten siding, and the side-gabled roof is covered by corrugated metal with exposed rafter tails. A small wood front porch is present at the center of the front wall, which has been repaired as needed since construction. The front door has been replaced, and the narrow metal windows have replaced wood hung windows at some point after 2015. Despite decades without a full repair and rehabilitation campaign, the house is in decent condition and serves as an excellent example of a modest wood frame residence in East Austin.

Research

Not much archival information can be found for those that once lived at the property. The property was first owned by Ms. Sueilla Duke, who worked as a seamstress and had two other people, Sterling & Cecil Duke, listed as renters in city directories as living at the address. Soon after, the house was owned by Elijah & Theodora Brown for almost 20 years, and are listed in directories as having two children during this time. During the Second World War, two additional members of the Brown family were listed as renters. By 1964, the house was vacant, and soon after was occupied by Israel & Alice Jones. There are infrequent mentions of any of these residents in local newspapers, but funeral records for two of Elijah Brown's immediate relatives can be found.

Department Comments

A previous relocation application was reviewed by HLC at the November 5, 2025 meeting, where it was approved pending a City of Austin documentation package. That proposal called for the structure to be moved outside of the city.

This application will time out on December 18, 2027.

Property Evaluation

The 2016 East Austin Historic Resource Survey lists the property as eligible as a local landmark, as well as contributing to a potential Chicon-Chestnut-SL Davis-13th Street local historic district.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain 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 for landmark designation:
 - a. Architecture. The building is a good remaining example of the National Folk style in East Austin.
 - 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 group.

- 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

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, relocation, or deconstruction and salvage over demolition, but approve the demolition permit application upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package.

Location Map



1: 1200

Lot Lines
 Lot Line

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2002 NEW YORK AVENUE



10/21/2026

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Property Information

Photos



Demolition application, 2026.



East Austin Historic Resource Survey, 2016. Note wood frame windows present at time of survey.

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, October 2026

1969	Israel & Alice Jones, owners; mechanic at Clark Used Car Lot
1964	Vacant
1960	Elijah & Theodora Brown, owners; roofer at Holloway
1959	Same as above
1954	Same as above
1949	Same as above; employed as a plumber
1947	Same as above; employed as a roofer
1944	Same as above, with Georgie & Jodie Brown, renters
1942	Same as above; employed as a porter
1940	Sueilla Duke, owner; seamstress, with Sterling & Cecil Duke, renters; janitor at State Health Department
1937	Address not listed

Historical Information

BROWN, Lonnie L., Sr., 67, 3008 E. 18½ St., died Sunday. Services 2:30 p.m. Thursday at St. John Progressive Baptist Church. Burial, Evergreen Cemetery. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Beßle Brown of Austin; sons, Lonnie L. Brown Jr., Morris Brown, both of Austin; brothers, Elijah Brown, Hosea Brown, Rev. R.C. Brown, all of Austin; sister, Mrs. Lillie B. Johnson of Austin. (King-Tears)

The Austin American - Statesman; Feb 19, 1980.

ROBERT H. BROWN

Funeral services for Robert H. Brown will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Ulit Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. O. S. Davis officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under di-

rection of King - Tears Mortuary.

Survivors include his parents, Mrs. Cora Brown and Robert Brown; sister, Mrs. Lillie B. Johnson; five brothers, Major Brown, Lonnie Brown, Elijah Brown, Hosea Brown and Richard C. Brown, all of Austin.

The Austin American; May 2, 1964.

Permits

WATER SERVICE PERMIT Austin, Texas

Nº 13055 ³⁶

Received of _____ Date 5-4-39

Address 2002 - NEW YORK - AVE.

Amount _____ \$ Per Tap

Plumber BROWN-ROAT-JOB Size of Tap _____

Date of Connection _____		Size.	No. Fittings	Curb Cock	Elbow	St. Elbow	Bushing	Reducer	Pipe	Lead Comp.	Nipples	Union	Plug	Tee	Stop	Box	Lid	Valves	Job No.	Req. No.
Size of Tap Made <u>3/4</u>																				
Size Service Made <u>2 1/4</u>																				
Size Main Tapped <u>8"</u>																				
From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock <u>13 1/2'</u>																				
From <u>E</u> Prop. Line to Curb Cock <u>2'</u>																				
Location of Meter <u>CURB.</u>																				
Type of Box <u>LOCK.</u>																				
Depth of Main in St. _____																				
Depth of Service Line _____																				
From Curb Cock to Tap on Main <u>25'</u>																				
Checked by Engr. Dept. <u>6-13-39 JDS</u>																				

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S. L. VESTER

Water service permit, 1939

J. A. Gracy

2002 New York Ave.

E. 13.8' of 1, W. 26.2'
of 2

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Box residence

211a - 1/3/38

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Building permit for a "box residence," 1938