HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
Applications for Permits in National Register Historic Districts
November 4, 2026
HR-2026-118672
Travis Heights-Fairview Park Historic District
211 Academy Drive

Proposal

Demolish a ca. 1933 residence.

Architecture

This house is a largely symmetrical U-plan former duplex with Colonial Revival details. A single-story structure, the recessed center front porch formerly featured two front doors facing each other. At some point in the past, the house was converted to a single unit and one front door was infilled and clad with matching siding. The porch remains in its original appearance otherwise, with two sets of paired windows at its rear, which complement the arched windows at other areas of the front of the building. Three simple wood posts support the roof structure above, which is largely side gabled and features two dormer attic vents. To each end of the house is a street facing gable roof projecting out which each feature several windows covered with wood screen assemblies. This house is slightly elevated, which allows it to sit more evenly on the changing grade of the property. The overall condition of the house is good, and it retains integrity.

Research

Since this property was purpose built to be a side-by-side duplex, there is a long history of multiple renter tenants who lived in this building. Many of these tenants lived at the property for a long time, including several families employed locally in the area. Early occupants included a tax assessor and collector, as well as an employee for the nearby School for the Deaf. During the Second World War, it was occupied by a supervisor at US Civil Aeronautics Administration.

The longest owners and tenants belonged to the Turner family. Marshall & Lucille Turner owned the property from the end of World War II onward, and for a time Jason & Grace Turner occupied the other side. During this period, Marshall and Jason both were employed by the Austin Chemical Company.

Department Comments

Per city code § 25-11-213 (G)(4), the Historic Landmark Commission has 180 days to review demolition permits in National Register historic districts starting from the date the application was submitted. This period is set to time out on March 9, 2027.

Property Evaluation

The property contributes to the Travis Heights-Fairview Park National Register 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 example of duplex architecture that can, though uncommon, be found in the district.
    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.

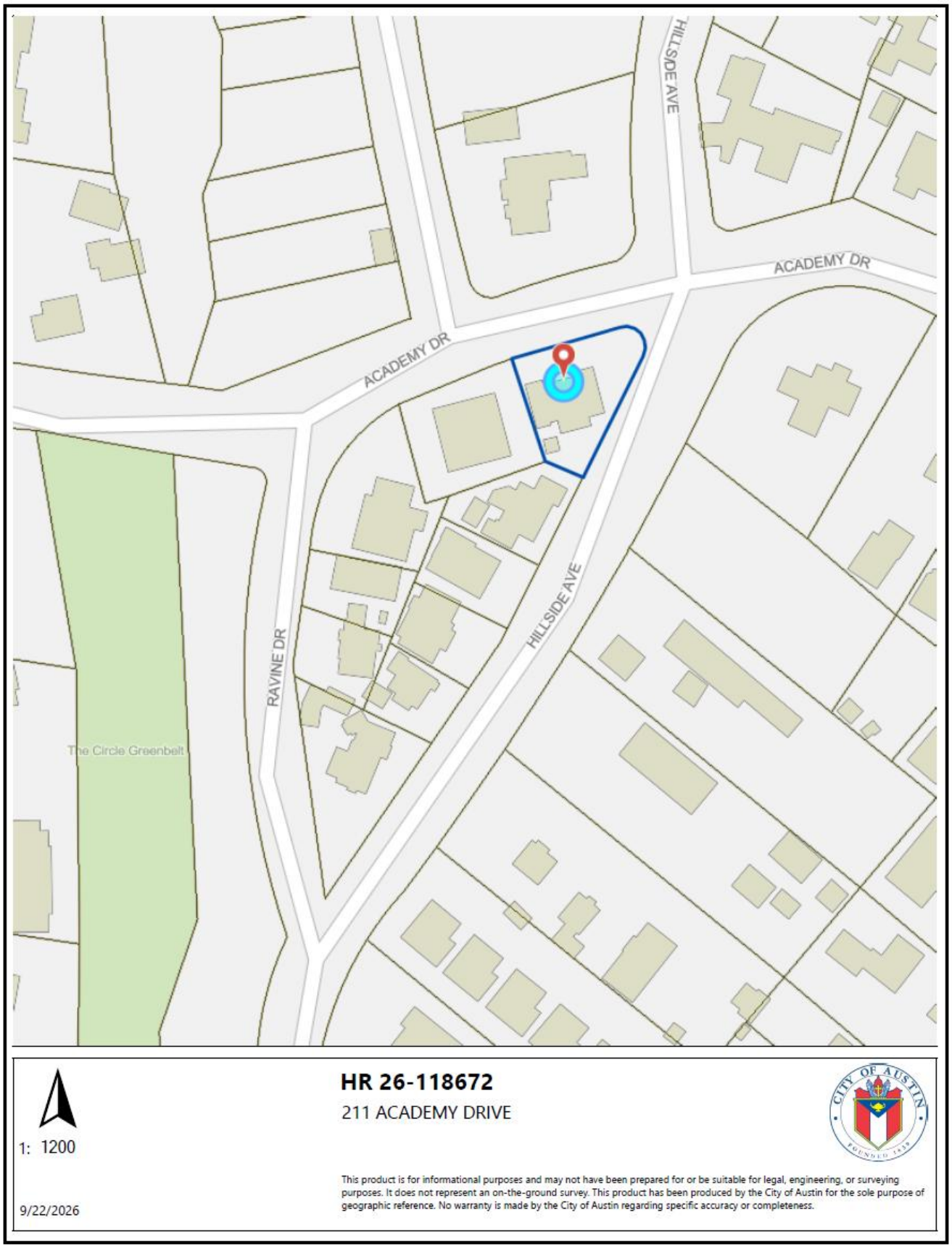
d. Community value. The property does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.

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. The Historic Landmark Commission must review new construction drawings prior to permit release in National Register Historic Districts.

Location Map



Property Information

Photos



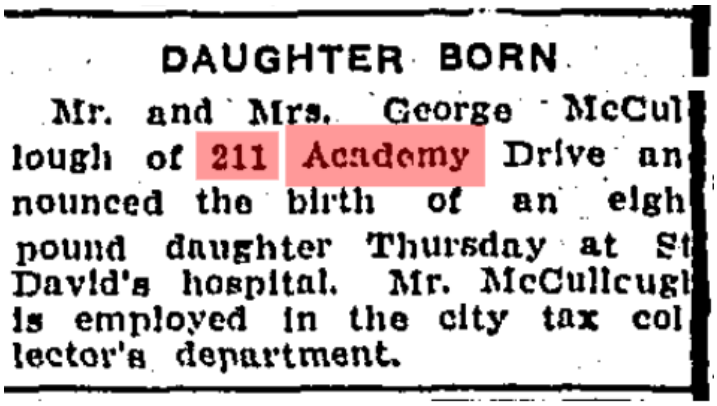


Site visit, 2026

Occupancy History
City Directory Research, September 2026

1959	Unit A: Marshall & Lucille Turner, owners; Austin Chemical Company Unit B: Vacant
1957	Unit A: Same as above Unit B: William & Zilpa Townsend, renters; watchman at State Board of Control
1955	Unit A: Same as above Unit B: Same as above
1952	Unit A: Same as above Unit B: Jason & Grace Turner, renters; Austin Chemical Company
1949	Unit A: Same as above Unit B: Same as above
1947	Unit A: Same as above Unit B: Same as above
1944	Arthur & Billie Joe Rhea, owners; supervisor at US Civil Aeronautics Administration
1941	Earl & Annie Craven, owners; utility operator at the State School for the Deaf
1939	Birdie Smith, owner; nurse
1935	George & Mary McCullough, owners; cashier & collector at city tax assessor's office Thomas Odiorne, owner; Brown & Odiorne
1932	Address not listed

Historical Information



DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. George McCul lough of 211 Academy Drive an nounced the birth of an eigh pound daughter Thursday at St David's hospital. Mr. McCullough is employed in the city tax col lector's department.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 15 Mar 1935: 8.

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THOS. E. ODIORNE TAKEN BY DEATH

Thomas Edward Odiorne, resident of Austin since 1910 and well-known retired druggist, died at 12:30 a. m. Wednesday in La Salle, Ill. Death came as the result of a heart attack while the Austin man was visiting in the home of a friend, Ralph Conard.

Mr. Odiorne was a member of the firm of Brown and Odiorne, retail druggists at 308 Congress for approximately 20 years. He retired Jan. 1, 1937.

Born in Blanco county, he lived in Marble Falls before moving to Austin. He attended the pharmacy school of the University of Texas which was at that time located at Galveston. In Austin Mr. Odiorne's niece, Miss Birdie Smith lived with him at his home, 211 Academy Drive.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 06 July 1938: 1.

Statesman Congratulates

MR. and MRS. R. JENKINS, 211 Academy drive, a boy, Monday at St. David's.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 05 Mar 1946: 7.

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LaLondes Returning From Trip

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Anacius LaLonde who were married Oct. 14 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church will be at home at 211 Academy Dr. when they return from a trip to Florida and Puerto Rico this week.

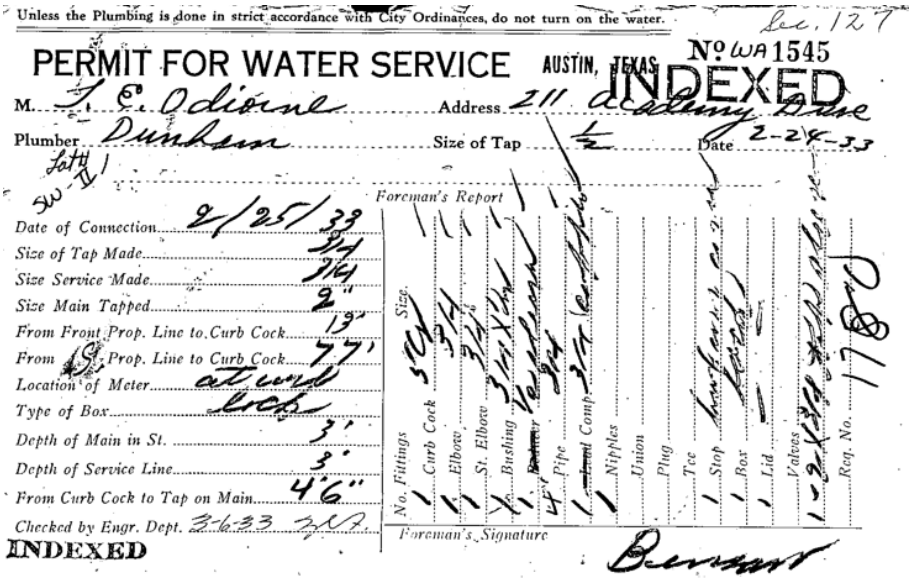
Mrs. LaLonde is the former Alice Joyce Parma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Parma of Granger. She is chief dietitian and supervisor of food at Brackenridge Hospital.

Dr. LaLonde, a neurosurgeon, is chief of staff at Brackenridge.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a light ivory silk peau de soie gown adorned with alencon lace embroidered in seed pearls. An embroidered peau de soie coronet held her shoulder length veil, and a white pearl rosary was attached to her bouquet of ivory carnations and orchids.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Austin, Tex.. 26 Oct 1966: A9.

Permits



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Sec. 127

PERMIT FOR WATER SERVICE AUSTIN, TEXAS Nº WA 1545

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M. T. E. Odiorne Address 211 Academy Drive

Plumber Dunham Size of Tap 1/2 Date 2-24-33

Lot # 1 SW-II

Foreman's Report

Date of Connection 2/25/33

Size of Tap Made 3/4

Size Service Made 3/4

Size Main Tapped 2"

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 13'

From Side Prop. Line to Curb Cock 77'

Location of Meter at curb

Type of Box lock

Depth of Main in St. 3'

Depth of Service Line 3'

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main 4'6"

Checked by Engr. Dept. 3-6-33

No. Fittings Size

1 Curb Cock 3/4

1 Elbow 3/4

1 St. Elbow 3/4

1 Bushing 3/4 x 1/4

1 Reducer 1/2 x 3/4

4" Pipe 3/4

1 Lead Comp. 3/4 (coupling)

1 Nipples

Union

Plug

Tee

1 Stop Inverted cock

1 Box Lead

1 Lid

Valves

1-2 x 3/4 x 3/4 x 1/2

Req. No. 17880

Foreman's Signature

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Water tap permit, 1933