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City of Portsmouth Historical District Commission

RE: 238 Marcy Street Request for Administrative Approval

Dear Members of the Historical District Commission,

This application requests administrative approval for the removal of a non-operational chimney situated on the northwest corner of the residence at 238 Marcy Street. A request for chimney repairs was initially made to A Merrie Sweepe Chimney Service of Greenland, NH. However, upon inspection, the cost estimator recommended the removal of this non-functioning chimney just below the roofline due to its deteriorated condition.

The chimney in question lacks architectural significance and has ceased to fulfill its original purpose. Its deteriorated state is contributing to water damage within the residence. Therefore, its removal is deemed necessary for the preservation and maintenance of the property.

Accompanied with this letter are several photos of the chimney in question from various streetviews as well as and the roof itself along with a letter of opinion from Bill McCarthy, Director of Field Operations, A Merrie Sweepe Chimney.

View of chimney from Marcy Street



View of chimney from South Ward Meetinghouse



Rooftop views of the chimney





Letter of Opinion from Bill McCarthy, Director of Field Operations, A Merrie Sweepe Chimney



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Chimney at 240 Marcy St

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Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 9:34 AM

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Unused chimney at 240 Marcy Street

From: Bill McCarthy, Director of Field Operations, A Merrie Sweepe Chimney

A Merrie Sweepe has recommended the removal of a small unused chimney at the above address to just below the roof line. This chimney was previously used to vent the heating system which has since been permanently replaced with a direct-vent system that vents out the side of the house. Since this architecturally insignificant chimney no longer serves any purpose and is in deteriorating condition with a propensity to cause leaking and damage to the house, we believe its removal is the preferred course of action.

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