

Request for a Work Session

Historic District Commission -

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January 8, 2019

VIA HAND DELIVERY
Vince Lombardi, Chair
City of Portsmouth
Historic District Commission
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re: Request for a Work Session on Removal of Faux Chimneys

Dear Mr. Lombardi:

Enclosed herewith is the application requesting a work session along with a check in the amount of \$200.00. Porter Street Townhouse Association is requesting the removal of six (6) faux chimneys that were part of the architectural design and installed on the roof of the Townhouse Association during its original construction in 2004.

Enclosed are some photographs of the chimneys. As you can see, the mortar has decomposed around the perimeter of the chimney cover, (A) and the grout/mortar has broken apart on the imitation brick, (B). In addition, the sealant on the clay encasements has broken down which is resulting in water seepage through the encasement and into the individual owner units. The Association has made several attempts to recaulk and reseal around the domes and the imitation brick, which has proven ineffective in stopping the leaks.

At time of the writing of this letter, five (5) of the eleven (11) condominium units have suffered major water damage to the interior of their homes due to leaks from entry points at the faux chimneys. The Association has reasonable concerns that there will be more units damaged if the chimneys are not removed.

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The faux chimneys serve no useful purpose other than for aesthetics. They are not part of any ventilation system of the building and were added solely for cosmetic purposes. They are not visible at street level or any viewing level other than from a vantage point on the roof. See attached photographs.

The Board respectfully requests permission from the HDC for their removal, so they may start the permitting process for contracting the removal of these chimneys, which permitting process will be followed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the City of Portsmouth.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

Ellen Bullard

Agent for Porter Street Townhouse Association

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PORTER STREET TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION

December 12, 2018

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VIA REGULAR MAIL AND FACSIMILE Vince Lombardi, Chair City of Portsmouth Historic District Commission 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re: Request for Approval to Remove Faux Chimneys

Dear Mr. Lombardi:

I am writing on behalf of the Porter Street Townhouse Association to seek preliminary approval from the HDC to remove six (6) faux chimneys that were part of the architectural design and installed on the roof of our building during its original construction in 2004.

Enclosed is a photograph of one of the chimneys. As you can see from the photo, the caulking around the perimeter is decomposing. In addition, the sealant on the clay encasements has broken down which is resulting in water seepage through the encasement and into the units. We have made several attempts to recaulk and reseal the faux domes, but it has proven ineffective in stopping the leaks. At time of the writing of this letter, five (5) of the eleven (11) condominium units have suffered major water damage to the interior of their homes due to leaks from entry points at the faux chimneys. The Association has reasonable concern that there will be more units damaged if the chimneys are not removed.

The faux chimneys serve no useful purpose other than for aesthetics – they are not part of any ventilation system of our building and were added solely for cosmetic purposes only. These chimneys are not visible at street level or any viewing level other than from a vantage point on the roof.

We respectfully request permission from the HDC for their removal so we may start the permitting process for contracting the removal of these chimneys, which permitting process will be followed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the City of Portsmouth. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Ade #32 Porter Street

Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 559-2156 Telephone

Lisa.Ade@pcfsi.com

CC: Doug Roberts, City Council Member



PORTER STREET TOWNHOUSES

01/04/2019 APPL-PORTER

CHECK NO: 0000011320 CITY OF PORTSMOUTH (HISDIS)

01/04/2019

InvoiceDate InvoiceNumber

Description

WORK SESSION APPLICATION

Expense Code Discount

5198

\$0.00

Amount Paid \$200.00

\$200.00

PORTER STREET TOWNHOUSES

c/o CPManagement, Inc 11 Court Street, Suite 100 Exeter, NH 03833

Ocean National Bank

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NO:

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DATE 01/04/2019 AMOUNT

* * * * * * * * * * \$200.00

PAY TWO HUNDRED AND XX / 100 DOLLARS

TO THE

ORDER OF

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

1 JUNKINS AVE

PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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