

PHAP25-00023

Date: July 10, 2025

Application Type: Certificate of Appropriateness

Property Owner: Sam Lightbourn
Representative: Michael Lightbourn

Legal Description: 28 Sunset Heights 23 & E. 8 ft. of 22 (3960 sq. ft.), City of El Paso, El

Paso County, Texas

Historic District: Sunset Heights Location: Sunset Heights

Representative District: #8

Existing Zoning: R-4/H (Residential/Historic)

Year Built: 1930

Historic Status: Contributing

Request: Certificate of Appropriateness for removal of addition at rear of property

due to fire damage

 Application Filed:
 6/26/2025

 45 Day Expiration:
 8/10/2025



GENERAL INFORMATION:

The applicant seeks approval for:

Certificate of Appropriateness for removal of addition at rear of property due to fire damage

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Historic Preservation Office recommends APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS of the proposed scope of work based on the following recommendations:

The Design Guidelines for El Paso's Historic Districts, Sites, and Properties recommend the following:

• It is rarely appropriate to demolish a historic structure unless it has suffered severe and irreparable damage.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation recommend the following:

- The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- Distinctive materials, features, finishes and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.
- Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of
 deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the
 old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing
 features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.
- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic
 materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the
 old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to
 protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

The modifications are that the applicant provide accurate elevation drawings and floor plans showing the final outcome of alteration; that no permit be issued until drawings are approved; and that no new permits be issued until entire property is brought into compliance.

AERIAL MAP



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