



# City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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**DATE:** February 11, 2025

**TO:** Historic Districts Review Board

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**2024-009650-HDRB, 202 Irvine St.,** Westside-Guadalupe Historic District, Non-contributing. Michael Bodelson, agent for Charles Rennick, owner, proposes to construct two closet additions on the east façade for a total of 125 sq. ft., relocate one window on the south façade, raise the chimney height to 11'-1" where the maximum allowable height is 12'-7", and requests an exception to 14-5.2(I)(1)(a) to allow wood as an exterior wall material for an existing shed.

**REFERENCE ATTACHMENTS (Sequentially):**

**CITY SUBMITTALS**

District Standards & yard wall  
& fence standards.

Historic Inventory Form

Zoning Review Sheet

Other: Previous Case Documents

**APPLICANT SUBMITTALS**

Proposal Letter

Site Plan/Floor Plan

Elevations

Photographs

Other:

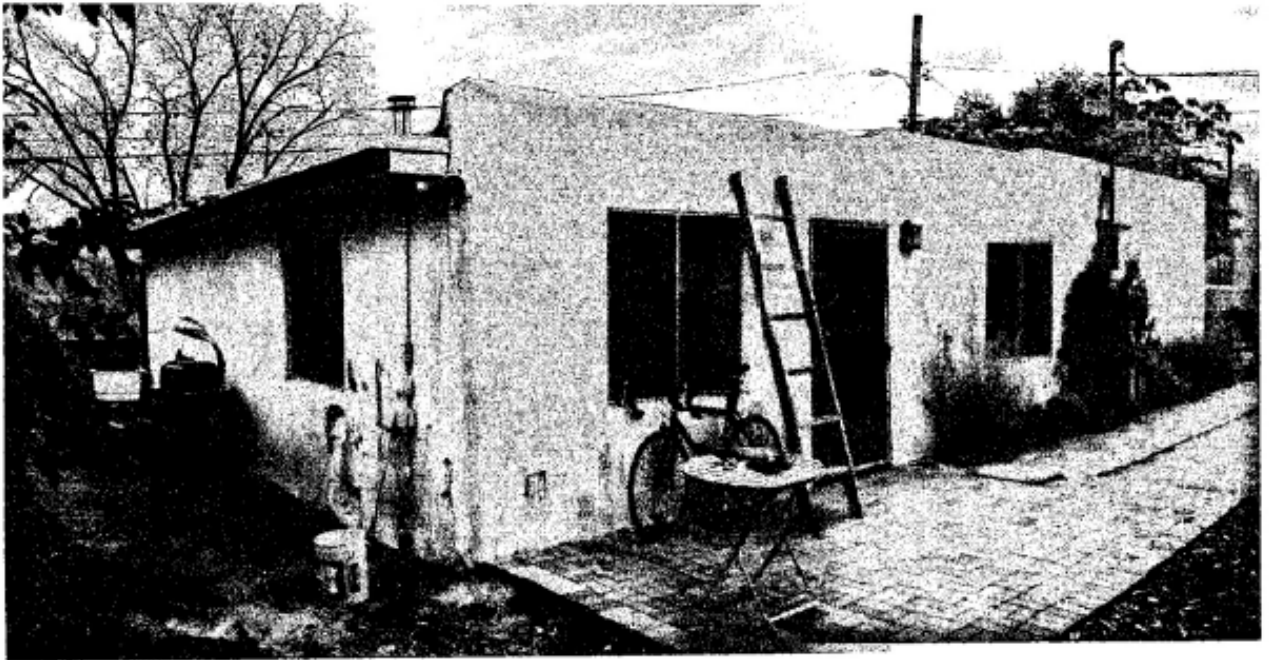
**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed project and finds that the exception criteria has been met, and the application complies with Section 14-5.2(D) General Design Standards for all Historic Districts, and 14-5.2(I) Westside-Guadalupe Historic District Design Standards.

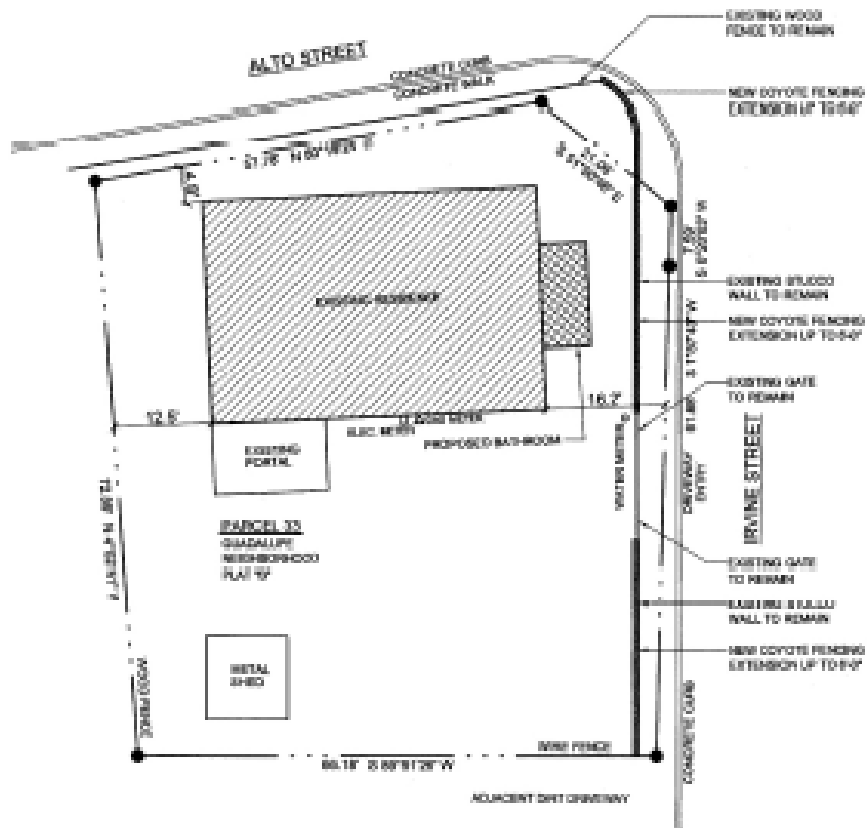
**BACKGROUND & SUMMARY:**

The single-family residence at 202 Irvine Street is listed as non-contributing to the Westside-Guadalupe Historic District. The main residential structure was built in the mid-1930s on a 0.13-acre lot comprising of 1,280 sq. ft. of roofed area. The structure was built in 1933 in the Santa Fe Vernacular architectural design style as seen by the flat roof, rounded parapets, and recessed doors and windows. A 160 sq. ft. enclosed portal addition was added to the south façade in the 1950s along with an addition on the west façade and the replacement of all the doors and windows in 1979-1980 (Barrett 2006).

## West and South sides of house

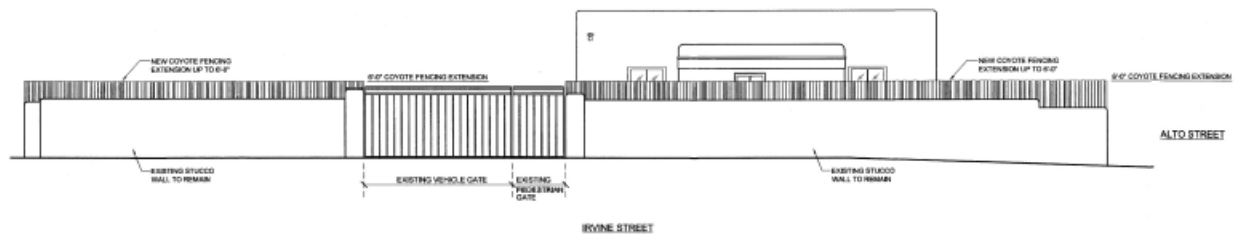


In 2006, the roof was raised and replaced, a 148 sq. ft. portal was added, the aluminum sliding windows were replaced with 3/1 double hung wood clad windows, and the structure was re-stuccoed. In 2012, the Board approved another addition on the east façade with new coyote fencing along the property wall. The addition of the storage shed is unknown, however it appears on the plan set from 2006, and most likely constructed without a permit in the early 2000s.



**SITE PLAN**

NOT TO SCALE



**PROPOSED EAST ELEVATION**

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

Previous Historic Districts Review Board (HDRB) cases include:

On January 31, 2006, in Case No. H-05-214, the decision of the Board was to approve the request for removal of the existing roof and re-roof structure including raising the height from 9'-9" to a height of 12'-6", construct a 148 sq. ft. portal to the height of 10', replace all aluminum slider windows with 3/1 double hung wood clad windows, and restucco the building to match the existing tan color, with the condition that cementitious stucco is used and matches the existing color as close as possible, that windows have a recess of at least 2", and that the parapet is maintained in both style and radius.

On June 26, 2012, in Case No. H-12-034, the decision of the Board was to approve the application per staff recommendations which included conversion of a portal to a bathroom on the east façade and increase the wall height from 53” to 73”, citing that the latilla tops would be uneven and none of the wall with latilla tops would exceed 6’ and approving the oval window as submitted.

The current request (Case 2024-009650-HDRB) is for a remodel which includes the following:

- 1) Construct two (2) small closet additions on the east façade.
- 2) Relocate one (1) window on the south façade.
- 3) Convert a wood stove to a gas-log fireplace and remodel the chimney on the southwest corner of the structure.
- 4) Approval for an 8’ by 24’, pre-existing, non-conforming blue wooden storage shed at the southwest corner of the property which will be relocated to meet accessory structure setback requirements.

### **EXCEPTION CRITERIA AND RESPONSES:**

Exception to 14-5.2(I)(1)(a): The applicant requests an exception to allow wood as an exterior wall material for an existing shed.

(i) *Do not damage the character of the district*

Applicant Response: Approval of the requested exception will not damage the character of the district based on three aspects.

a. The existing Storage Shed has very low visibility from the street, as the property is enclosed by walls and fencing. The Storage Shed is only visible from Irvine Street and due to the low height of the Storage Shed and the height of the wall and gate (see photos below), only a small portion of the roof is visible. The low visibility of the structure presents only a minor element to the streetscape, which could be unnoticed in casual observations.

b. The corrugated roofing material is consistent with other uses in the district. The property immediately to the south, incorporates corrugated metal in the design of property gates, (see photos below).

c. The existing Storage Shed exterior finish color will be mitigated by repainting the exterior surface in a color to match the existing residence stucco. That color is recommended to match the stucco color Palomino, which is an approved color for the District.

Staff Response: Staff has evaluated the applicant’s response and finds that this exception criterion has been met. The existing construction materials used for the storage shed consist of wood frame and siding, galvanized corrugated metal roofing, and colored in a pastel blue (or Palomino) which are all common architectural elements found in the Westside-Guadalupe Historic District. The impact of the shed will be minimal from the streetscape and will not adversely impact the historic district in which it resides.

(ii) *Are required to prevent a hardship to the applicant or an injury to the public welfare*

Applicant Response: Approval of the requested exception would prevent hardship to the Owner, based on two aspects.

a. The pre-existing Storage Shed was existing prior to the current Owner's acquisition of the property, and would create a hardship in terms of removing an asset that was presented to the current owner at the time of purchase.

b. The impact of replacing the existing storage use would create a functional hardship on the Owner, through either reduced or remote storage required.

Staff Response: Staff has evaluated the applicant's response and finds that this exception criterion has been met. The subject property at 202 Irvine St., has requested alterations from the Board for approval in 2006 and 2012 and had no issue with the shed's location, color, or material, and the applicant is making a good faith effort to make a non-conforming shed which they did not construct and are responsible for, into conformity. To remove the shed would be presenting the owner with a hardship for storage necessities.

(iii) *Strengthen the unique heterogeneous character of the City by providing a full range of design options to ensure that residents can continue to reside within the historic districts*

Applicant Response: Approval of the requested will strengthen unique character and enhance continued residence in the district based on two aspects.

a. A number of similar storage structures can be identified in the immediate area of the property. Many other owners within the District rely on this type of supplemental storage to increase the livability of the traditional residences. Residences constructed during this time-frame often did not typically accommodate for more modern storage needs.

b. The Storage Shed in question, is not inconsistent with other uses in the District and it does provide for increased utility and enhances functionality, resulting in broader options for residents.

Staff Response: Staff has evaluated the applicant's response and finds that this exception criterion has been met. The Westside-Guadalupe Historic District has comparable structures constructed with similar materials. These storage structures provide needed space for residents to live and grow. The current owner is making a good faith effort to bring a non-conforming structure into conformity to provide their home with needed storage.

## **RELEVANT CODE CITATIONS:**

### **14-5.2 HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

#### **(A) General Provisions**

##### **(1) General Purpose**

In order to promote the economic, cultural, and general welfare of the people of the *city* and to ensure the harmonious, orderly and efficient growth and *development* of the *city*, it is deemed essential by the *governing body* that the qualities relating to the history of Santa Fe, and a harmonious outward appearance, which preserve *property* values and attract tourists and residents alike, be preserved, some of these qualities being:

- (a) The continued existence and *preservation* of historical areas and *buildings*;
- (b) The continued construction of *buildings* in the historic styles; and
- (c) A general harmony as to style, form, color, height, proportion, texture and material between *buildings* of historic design and those of more modern design.

**(D) General Design Standards for All H Districts**

In any review of proposed additions or alterations to *structures* that have been declared significant or contributing in any historic district or a *landmark* in any part of the *city*, the following standards shall be met:

(1) General

- (a) The status of a significant, contributing, or *landmark structure* shall be retained and preserved. If a proposed alteration will cause a *structure* to lose its significant, contributing, or *landmark* status, the *application* shall be denied. The removal of historic materials or alteration of architectural features and spaces that embody the status shall be prohibited.
- (b) If a proposed alteration or new construction will cause an adjacent *structure* to lose its significant, contributing, or *landmark* status, the *application* may be denied.

(2) Additions

- (a) Additions shall have similar materials, architectural *treatments* and styles, features, and details as the existing *structure*, but shall not duplicate those of the existing *structure* in a manner that will make the addition indistinguishable from the existing *structure*.
- (b) Additions to *buildings* that meet the standards of Subsection 14-5.2(E) shall continue to meet those standards set forth in Subsection 14-5.2(E) in addition to the standards set forth in this section.
- (c) Additions are not permitted to *primary façades*.
- (d) Additions are not permitted to the side of the existing footprint unless the addition is set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the primary facade. The addition shall not exceed fifty percent of the square footage of the existing footprint, and shall not exceed fifty percent of the existing dimension of the primary facade. To the extent architecturally practicable, new additions shall be attached to any existing noncontributing portion of *structures* instead of attaching them to the significant or contributing portion.
- (e) The height of additions:

- (i) For significant and *landmark structures* shall be a minimum of six (6) inches less than the parapet or equivalent roof-feature of the existing adjacent connecting facade.
  - (ii) For contributing *structures* shall be no more than one additional *story* higher than the existing *structure*. To the extent architecturally practicable, two-story additions shall be set to the rear or the side rear of the *structure*. When an additional *story* is to be placed upon an existing contributing *structure*, that footprint may be no greater than fifty percent of the footprint of the existing *structure*, subject to the provisions of Subsection A(1) above. For the purposes of this paragraph, an additional *story* shall not exceed twelve (12) feet from the existing rooftop to the highest point of that *story*.
- (3) Remodeling to Increase Height; Rooftop Appurtenances
  - (a) For *remodeling* of existing significant and *landmark structures*, no increase in height of the *structures* is permitted. (For standards relating to additions to existing *structures*, see paragraph (2) above.)
  - (b) For significant and *landmark structures*, *publicly visible* roof top appurtenances, including but not limited to solar collectors, clerestories, decks, or mechanical equipment, shall not be added nor shall the parapet be raised to conceal the *rooftop appurtenances*. For contributing *buildings* solar collectors, clerestories, decks, or mechanical equipment if *publicly visible* shall not be added.
- (4) Porches and Portals

Existing *porches* or *portals* shall not be enclosed.
- (5) Windows, Doors, and Other Architectural Features
  - (a) For all facades of significant and *landmark structures* and for the primary facades of contributing *structures*:
    - (i) Historic windows shall be repaired or restored wherever possible. Historic windows that cannot be repaired or restored shall be duplicated in the size, style, and material of the original. Thermal double pane glass may be used. No opening shall be widened or narrowed.
    - (ii) No new opening shall be made where one presently does not exist unless historic documentation supports its prior existence.
    - (iii) No existing opening shall be closed.
  - (b) For all façades of significant, contributing and *landmark structures*, architectural features, finishes, and details other than doors and windows, shall be repaired rather than replaced. In the event *replacement* is necessary, the use of new material may be approved. The new material shall match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. *Replacement* or duplication of missing features shall be substantiated by documentation, physical or pictorial evidence.
- (6) Roofs

The existing roof styles and materials shall be maintained or replaced in kind if necessary. The addition of dormers or other roof features should only be considered when they are an existing or historical feature of the *structure*.

(8) Archaeological Resources

Discovery of archaeological resources made during the historic districts review process shall be referred to the archaeological review committee.

(9) Height, Pitch, Scale, Massing and Floor Stepbacks

The height, pitch, *scale*, and massing of any *structure* in an historic district, as defined in this section, shall be limited as provided for in this section, unless further restricted within this chapter.

(a) Applicability

The following sections identify specific areas and specific *projects* subject to this section. Planning and land use department staff shall determine whether or not properties are included within this section. (Ord. No. 2007-45 § 30; Ord. #2020-22, § 16)

- F. When the proposed *building*, *yardwall*, or fence is located in a *streetscape* that includes no *buildings*, *yardwalls*, or fences, the height of the proposed *building* shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet. *Yardwalls* and fences in this *streetscape* shall not exceed five (5) feet in height.

(c) Height

(ii) In exercising its authority under this section, the board shall limit the height of *structures* as set forth in this section. Heights of existing *structures* shall be as set forth on the official map of *building* heights in the historic districts.

- A. If a proposed *building* has a parapet, the façade shall not be in excess of two (2) feet of the average of the height of the façades in the *streetscape*.
- B. If the proposed *building* has a pitched roof, the ridge height of the proposed *building* shall not be in excess of two (2) feet of the average of the ridge height of the pitched roofs in the *streetscape*.
- C. *Yardwalls* and fences shall be limited to a height that does not exceed the average of the height of other *yardwalls* and fences in the *streetscape*.
- D. Pursuant to Section 14-7.4(C), the height of any other *structure* shall be limited to the allowable *building* height within the applicable *streetscape*, as defined in this section. (Ord. No. 2002-37 § 26)
- E. The height and dimension of signage are as set forth in Section 14-8.10(H).
- F. The board may increase the allowable height for proposed *buildings* and additions located on a sloping site where the difference in the

natural *grade* along the *structure's* foundation exceeds two (2) feet. In no case shall the height of a façade exceed four (4) feet above the allowable height of the applicable *streetscape* measured from natural or finished *grade*, whichever is more restrictive. This increase in height shall be constructed only in the form of *building* stepbacks from the *street*.

(d) Pitch

If the determined *streetscape* includes over fifty percent of *buildings* with pitched roofs, the proposed *building* may have a pitched roof. A pitched roof is defined as a gable, shed, or *hipped roof*. The pitch of the roof shall match the predominant pitch extant in the *streetscape*.

(e) Scale

The height of a proposed *building* or addition, its façade length, and its roof form and pitch shall appear to be in proportion to the height, façade length, and roof form and pitch of *buildings* in the applicable *streetscape*, or the *building* on which the addition is proposed.

(f) Massing and Floor Stepbacks

The Board may require that upper floor levels be stepped back, to carry out the intent of this section; provided that the board in making such determinations shall take into account whether the height of the proposed *building*, *yardwall*, fence, or proposed stepback of upper floor levels is in harmony with the massing of the applicable *streetscape* and *preservation* of the historic and characteristic visual qualities of the *streetscape*. The Board shall also require that the *publicly visible* façades of the *structure* be in conformance with Subsections 14-5.2(E) through (H), and in meeting those requirements, may require that different floor levels be stepped back.

**(I) Westside-Guadalupe Historic District**

(1) District Standards

Compliance with the following structural standards shall occur whenever those exterior features of *buildings* and other *structures* subject to public view from any public *street*, way, or other public place are erected, altered, or demolished:

- (a) Slump block, stucco, brick, or stone shall be used as exterior *wall* materials. Wood and other materials may be used for details. Aluminum siding, metal panels, mirrored glass, and unstuccoed concrete block or unstuccoed concrete shall not be used as exterior *wall* materials;
- (b) The color of stuccoed *buildings* shall predominantly be in browns, tans, local earth tones and soft pastels. Surfaces of stone or brick shall be in the natural color. Entryways, and *portales* or *porches* may be emphasized by the use of white or other colors. Painting of *buildings* with a color that causes arresting or spectacular effects or with bold repetitive patterns or using *buildings* as signs is prohibited. Murals, however, are permitted and may be referred to the *city* arts board for an advisory recommendation;

- (c) Roof form, *slope*, and shape. It is intended that *buildings* be designed to be "wall dominated". "Wall dominated" means that the *building's* geometry is more defined by *walls* than by roofs. *Buildings* with flat, gabled, shed, or *hipped roofs* can be designed as "wall dominated" solutions and are allowed. The height of the roof above the *wall* shall be no greater than the height of the *wall*. Folded plate, hyperbolic or mansard roofs are not allowed;
  - (d) The use of solar and other energy collecting and conserving strategies is encouraged. The use of large glazed areas on south facing *walls* for trombe *walls* or other solar collectors, direct gain, or other energy collecting purposes is allowed. When in view from any public *street*, way, or other public place, solar equipment shall be screened as follows:
    - (i) raising the parapet;
    - (ii) setting back from the edge of the roof;
    - (iii) framing the collector with wood;
    - (iv) in the case of pitched roofs, by integrating the collector into the pitch;
    - (v) in the case of ground solar collectors by a *wall* or vegetation;
    - (vi) in the case of *wall* collectors, by enclosing by end or other *walls*;
    - (vii) other means that screen the collector or integrate it into the overall *structure*.  
Non-glare materials shall be used in solar collectors.
  - (e) Mechanical, electrical, telephone equipment, microwave satellite receiving dishes, and other obtrusive equipment shall be architecturally screened with opaque materials by raising the parapet, boxing in the equipment, or other appropriate means. The equipment shall be of a low profile to minimize the *screening* problems;
  - (f) *Walls* and fences shall be of brick, *adobe*, masonry, rock, wood, coyote fencing, or similar materials. Wrought iron fences and slump block *walls* are allowed. *Walls* of unstuccoed concrete block, unstuccoed concrete, chain-link, metal wire, or similar materials are prohibited, except where the *wall* or fence is not in the *street* frontage;
  - (g) *Greenhouses*
  - (h) Attached *greenhouses* that front on the *street* shall give the appearance of being integrated into the *structure* of the *building* or of being a substantive addition rather than having a lean-to effect. The use of corrugated fiberglass or rolled plastic for the external surface of attached or freestanding *greenhouses* that front on the *street* is prohibited. *Greenhouses* with slanting sides shall be bracketed at the ends and that *greenhouses* made from enclosed *porches* or *portales* maintain the shape of the *porch* or *portal*;
  - (i) *Porches* and *portales* are encouraged;
  - (j) When parking spaces are required for commercial or multi-family *residential buildings*, they shall be placed to the rear or side of the building.
- (2) Walls; Fences; Solar Collectors; Administration

*Applications* for erection, alteration, or demolition of *walls*, fences, and solar collectors and required submittals shall be reviewed by the planning and land use department. Approval, disapproval or referral shall be indicated by the division on the *application* for the building *permit* and on each of the required submittals, all of which shall be signed by the division staff assigned to the review. The division shall report approvals, disapprovals, and referrals to the board at its next regular meeting as an informational item. (Ord. No. 2007-45 § 30; Ord. #2020-22, § 16)

**DEFINITIONS:**

14-12 Noncontributing Structure:

A structure, located in an H district, that is less than fifty years old or that does not exhibit sufficient historic integrity to establish and maintain the character of the H District.