



# **Staff Report**

**Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission** 

File Number: 4-E-24-HZ

Meeting:	4/18/2024
Applicant:	John Holmes
Owner:	John Holmes

#### **Property Information**

Location:316 S. 17th St.Parcel ID94 N G 028District:Ft. Sanders NC---

### **Description of Work**

Level II Construction of Addition or Outbuilding, Major Repair or Replacement

Exterior rehabilitation and new rear addition.

Exterior rehabilitation scopes include removal of existing vinyl siding and installation of new fiber cement siding. Enclosed front porch addition will be removed and new front porch will be reconstructed (application describes "rebuild brick columns, left side columns were removed, remove duplicate left porch post"). Applicant also lists roof replacement, new fascia and soffits, replacement of windows and doors, repair and replacement in patches to the brick foundation, removal of metal awnings, removal of south elevation entrance.

New rear addition: three-story, hipped-roof massing projecting from the rear elevation, with a three-story, sidegable roof massing on the rearmost end. The addition will feature a brick-clad foundation, lap siding, evenly spaced windows, and a secondary entry on the rear elevation.

### **Applicable Design Guidelines**

Fort Sanders NC-1, adopted by the Knoxville City Council on September 13, 2000.

A. Height, Scale, & Massing

1. Foundation heights should be consistent with other pre-1940 buildings in the neighborhood.

2. Single-family detached infill housing should be proportional to other pre-1940 houses in terms of height and width.

B. Roofs

1. Select a roof pitch that is in keeping with other pre-1940 houses of the neighborhood, not being less than an 8/12 pitch.

2. Use variations in the form of the roof above the second story such as gables at different angles, hipped roofs, and dormers.

3. Use roofing materials that are in keeping with the historic development styles. Asphalt, shingle, tile, pressed metal, and slate were used.

4. Darker shades of shingles were historically used and should be selected in new construction.

C. Porches

1. Provide porches with proportions and materials that complement pre-1940 housing. For clapboard-type construction, wood is the most appropriate primary material. Brick or cut stone are appropriate as foundations or in column supports.

D. Wall Materials

2. Clapboard (or clapboard-like materials such as aluminum or vinyl, shingle (or shingle-like material), or brick should be used.

5. In making additions to existing buildings, wall cladding should complement the original wall covering.

6. Materials that are not typical in pre-1940 construction should not be used. These include cinder block, T-111 siding, and stone facing.

E. Windows and Entrances

1. Window proportions and symmetry should be similar to the pre-1940 styles in the neighborhood.

2. Windows should be double-hung sash windows. Vinyl or metal-clad may be used in place of wood frame windows.

2 [sic]. Egress windows will have to be designed to comply with fire/building code provisions.

6. The proportions of upper level windows should not exceed the proportion of the first level.

7. Upper level windows should be provided and aligned with doors.

8. There should be at least 50% transparency that is created by windows or French doors and balconies on the recessed breaks between sections of buildings, including buildings joined together.

9. Entrances to the building should be provided from the street, using doors that have similar proportions and features to pre-1940 architecture.

10. When parking areas are provided behind buildings, rear entrances are also allowed.

#### F. Parking

1. In new building construction, the front yard space shall not be used for parking. Do not break up curbs or sidewalks to provide street access.

2. Provide parking access off the alley or off a side street.

7. Surface parking area shall always be to the rear of the building.

G. Landscaping, Fencing, & Retaining Walls

1. Plant one native shade tree (e.g. oak or maple) and one ornamental tree (e.g. dogwood) in both the front and rear yards for every 50 feet of lot width.

H. Additions to Existing Buildings

1. Additions should be made to the rear or side of the building.

3. Transitional space shall be provided between the addition and the existing structure. This should include a courtyard (200 sq. ft. minimum), and a connecting structure (e.g. porch or breezeway). The wall of the new connecting structure should not be continuous with the wall of the existing building, but have a minimum 4' by 6' indentation.

4. Bays at least two feet in depth shall be provided for 50% of the side façade.

5. Windows or French doors and balconies shall provide 10% to 20% transparency on the sides of buildings.

### Comments

N/A

### Staff Findings

1. 316 S. 17th Street is listed as a non-contributing resource to the Fort Sanders NC overlay (written in 2000) but a contributing resource to the NRHP District (from 1980).

2. The application includes the removal of exterior vinyl siding and installation of fiber cement lap and shingle siding, which meets the Fort Sanders design guidelines. The project should incorporate appropriately sized vertical cornerboards and window trim, which are not shown on the drawings. The eave overhangs and Craftsman-style triangular roof brackets should be retained or reconstructed. The elevation drawings show the retention of the exterior brick chimney.

3. Removal of the front porch addition and reconstruction of a front-gable roof porch meets the design guidelines. The application form notes "rebuild brick columns" but the drawings indicate thin square wood posts. The porch supports should be revised to a design more proportionate to the wide porch and appropriate for a Craftsman-style house.

4. Window openings will be shifted on the side elevations and some windows may be enclosed in the upper-level gable fields. Overall, the window placement is evenly spaced and the proportions meet the design guidelines.

5. The roofline drawing only calls out a small rear section as the "new addition," but the three-story, hipped-roof massing is an addition. The applicant should provide a revised roofline drawing showing the specific rear addition. The original roof pitch on the existing house should be retained.

6. While it meets the guidelines for placement, the proposed addition will be taller than the existing house. The Fort Sanders design guidelines do not have specifications for new additions' height, though most design guidelines recommend new additions to be secondary in height to the original house. The Commission should discuss the height and scale of the new addition.

7. The replacement door on the façade should meet the design guidelines ("similar proportions and features to pre-1940 architecture").

8. Final modifications to the site plan will be necessary to meet City Engineering standards for parking. The house and parking area should remain below the 45% impervious surface requirement for the zoning. The final site plan could be approved by staff, provided there are no substantial modifications to the addition's design and placement.

### Staff Recommendation

The HZC should discuss the height and scale of the proposed rear elevation. Pending additional conditions related to the addition's height, the additional conditions should be included in any approval:

- 1) applicant to submit a revised roofline drawing to staff, clearly showing the addition
- 2) existing roof pitch on the original side-gable house to be retained;
- 3) revision of front porch supports;
- 4) final drawings to indicate appropriately sized cornerboards and window trim;
- 5) final site plan to meet City Engineering standards and requirements of the base zoning code.



### DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

□ DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

□ HISTORIC ZONING (H)

□ INFILL HOUSING (IH)

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Applicant		
3/25/24	April 18, 2024	4-E-24-HZ
Date Filed	Meeting Date (if applicable)	File Number(s)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence related to this application should be directed to the approved contact listed below.

📕 Owner	Contractor	Engineer	Ar	rchitect/Landscape	Architect
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Phone	Email			

### **CURRENT PROPERTY INFO**

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Owner Name (if different from applicant)	Owner Address	Owner Phone	
316 S Seventeenth St	094NG028		
Property Address	Parcel ID		
Ft Sanders	RN-5, NC-1		
Neighborhood	Zoning		

### AUTHORIZATION

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Staff Signature	

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John Holmes

3/26/24 Date

3/25/24

Applicant Signature

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Date

# REQUEST

DOWNTOWN DESIGN	Level 1:         Signs       Alteration of an existing building/structure         Level 2:         Addition to an existing building/structure         Level 3:         Construction of new building/structure         Site design, parking, plazas, landscape         See required Downtown Design attachment for more details.         Brief description of work:       new siding, new roof, fascia, soffits, all exterior replaced, windows, doors, front porch rebuilt and rebuild brick columns         Left side columns were removed.       Remove duplicate left porch post.         Remove metal awnings, remove metal steps and side entrance to South.       South
HISTORIC ZONING	Level 1:   Signs   Routine repair of siding, windows, roof, or other features, in-kind; Installation of gutters, storm windows/doors   Level 2:   Major repair, removal, or replacement of architectural elements or materials   Additions and accessory structures   Level 3:   Construction of a new primary building   Level 4:   Relocation of a contributing structure   Demolition of a contributing structure   Brief description of work:
INFILL HOUSING	Level 1:   Driveways, parking pads, access point, garages or similar facilities   Subdivisions   Level 2: Additions visible from the primary street Changes to porches visible from the primary street Level 3: New primary structure Site built Modular Multi-Sectional See required Infill Housing attachment for more details. Brief description of work:

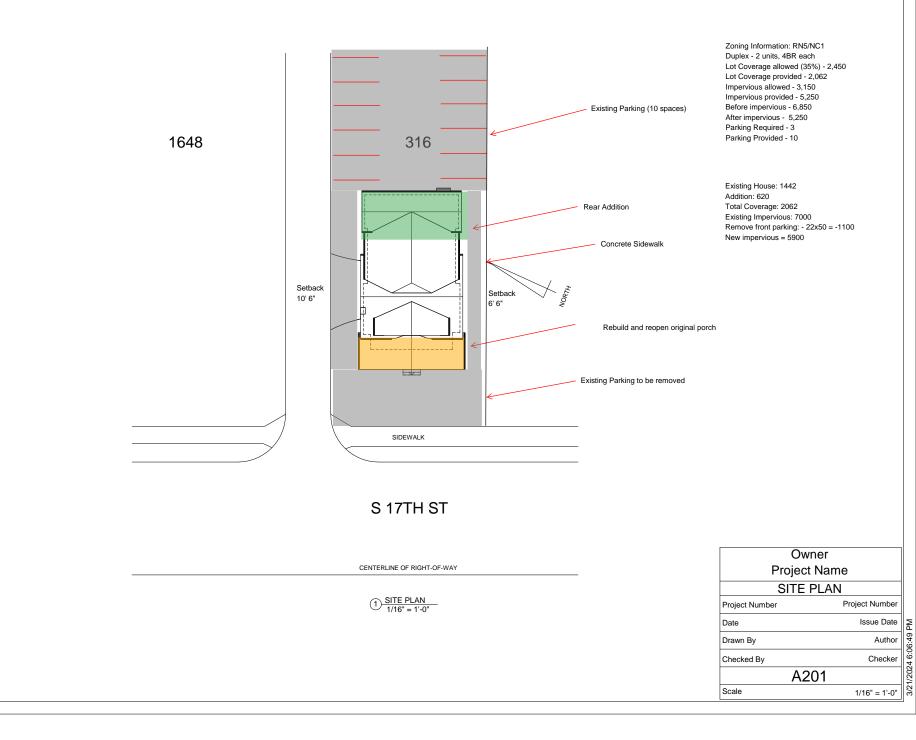
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6	Historic Zoning Design Checklist	FEE 2:	
<b>USE ONLY</b>	Infill Housing Design Checklist		
STAFF	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS		
STA	Property Owners / Option Holders	FEE 3:	
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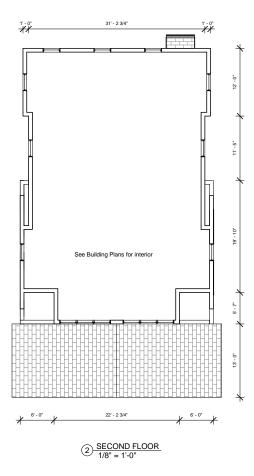
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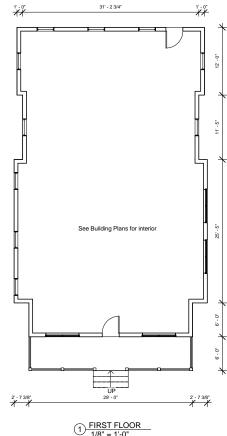




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