



# **Staff Report**

**Knoxville Historic Zoning Commission** 

File Number: 11-E-24-HZ

Meeting:	11/21/2024
Applicant:	Lauren Bush
Owner:	Khalid & Jennifer Hattar

#### **Property Information**

Location: 217 E. Scott Ave.

Parcel ID 81 K F 034

District: Old North Knoxville H

Zoning: RN-2 (Single-Family Residential Neighborhood)

Description: Modified Queen Anne, c.1910

Two-story frame residence with a side-gable roof clad in asphalt shingles, an exterior of vinyl siding, and a brick foundation. Enclosed porch extends the full length of the façade. Multiple secondary entries.

### **Description of Work**

Level II Major Repair or Replacement

Modification of previously-issued COA (3-E-24-HZ), related to the siding. Revised application proposes to use smooth, 4" exposure, fiber cement siding instead of using wood lap siding to replace deteriorated wood siding.

# **Applicable Design Guidelines**

Old North Knoxville Design Guidelines, adopted by the Knoxville City Council on November 25, 2004.

E. Wood Wall Coverings

1. Synthetic siding is inappropriate and is not allowed either as replacement siding on existing buildings or new siding in new construction.

3. Replacement siding must duplicate the original. Trim and patterned shingles that must be replaced must also duplicate the original material.

5. Wooden features shall be repaired by patching, piecing-in, or otherwise reinforcing the wood. Repair may also include limited replacement with matching or compatible substitute materials, when elements remain and can be copied.

6. Wood features that are important in defining the overall historic character of the building shall not be removed.

7. Replace only deteriorated wood. Reconstructing in order to achieve a uniform or "improved," "new" appearance is inappropriate because of the loss of good historic materials.

8. An entire wooden feature that is too deteriorated to repair or is completely missing shall be replaced in kind. If features are replaced, the materials they are made from shall be compatible with the original in size, scale and material. Replacement parts should be based on historical, pictorial and physical documentation.

### Comments

N/A

# Staff Findings

1. The broader exterior rehabilitation scopes at 217 E. Scott Ave were approved in March 2024 (3-E-24-HZ). The initial application proposed to remove the existing vinyl and aluminum siding to investigate the condition of the existing wood lap siding below, repair any intact original siding, and install new wood siding. The project also includes the removal of multiple non-historic additions and the construction of new exterior walls and massings on the front, sides, and rear elevations.

2. Fiber cement siding has not been approved in ONK as replacement siding on original houses, but has been approved for new additions, secondary structures, and new primary structures.

3. The application notes that only approximately 425 sq. ft. of salvageable wood siding exists on the house, with approximately 2,950 sq. ft. requiring new wood siding.

4. While the design guidelines do not support the installation of new fiber cement siding, noting that replacement siding may duplicate the original, the Commission may choose to support the installation of new fiber cement siding in this case due to the nature of the project as a reconstruction over a rehabilitation, along with the very small area of salvageable original wood siding to use as evidence.

## **Staff Recommendation**

Recognizing the current ONK design guidelines, the Commission should discuss the proposed replacement fiber cement lap siding in the context of the specific project, and gather neighborhood input related to future guideline updates. If approved, new exterior cladding should include appropriately sized cornerboards, window trim, and window sills.

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# **AUTHORIZATION**

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Javen Bull	Lauren Bush	November 4, 2024
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# REQUEST

DOWN IOWN 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:
HISTORIC ZUNING	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   Demolition of a contributing structure   Brief description of work:   This submission modifies our original proposal requesting that smooth, 4" exposure, fiber cement siding be approved in lieu of wood siding on the main house. This is nearly a   reconstruction of the existing home with very little original cladding able to remain in place due to damage or the many additions made in the past that added textured fiber cement panets of a taller exposure and viny to the home.
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:

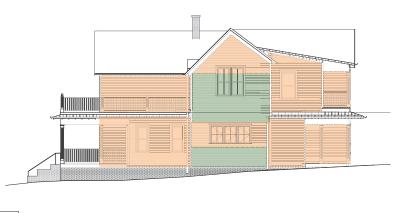
	ATTACHMENTS	FEE 1:	TOTAL:
ONLY	Downtown Design Checklist		
	Historic Zoning Design Checklist	FEE 2:	\$100.00
USE	Infill Housing Design Checklist		
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	Level 1: \$50 • Level 2: \$100 • Level 3: \$250 • Level 4: \$500		Pd. 11/04/2024, SG

Estimated area of salvageable existing wood siding = 425 SF

Estimated area of new siding = 2950 SF



m08 West Elevation



a08 East Elevation



## m11 South Elevation

