

# **Staff Report**

## Infill Housing Design Review Committee

File Number: 2-C-25-IH

Meeting:	2/19/2025
Applicant:	Josh Josh Braden - Braden Family Properties LLC Braden Family Properties LLC
Owner:	Atomic City Partners LLC Atomic City Partners LLC

### **Property Information**

Location:	342 Chickamauga Ave.	Parcel ID	81 B D 011
Zoning:	RN-2 (Single-Family Residential Neighborhood)		
District:	Oakwood/Lincoln Park Infill Housing Overlay District		

## **Description of Work**

Level III New Primary Structure

New primary residence fronting Chickamauga Avenue. Two story residence features a front gable roof (10/12 pitch), an exterior of horizontal siding (material unspecified) with corner boards, and a block foundation clad in stucco. The house measures 40' long by 16' wide (20' wide with a 4' massing recessed towards the rear) and is proposed to be set 36.5' from the front property line (with a full-length porch set 30.5' from the front property line. The 6' deep front porch recessed under a shed roof with an engaged front-gable accent over the door that is supported by three 8" square posts. Parking is an 18' wide concrete driveway in front of the house and is accessed from Chickamauga Avenue.

The façade (northwest) features two bays on the first story, with paired 1/1 double hung windows in the first bay, followed by a full-light door with a transom. Paired 1/1 double hung windows are centrally located on the second story of the façade. A 1/1 double hung window is also visible on the side-gable massing which projects from the right side of the house, approximately 12' behind the façade. The left elevation features a secondary opening to a small porch, with one 1/1 double hung window on the second story. The right elevation features a one-story, side-gable massing projecting from the center of the elevation, and there are two transom windows and a 1/1 double hung windows on the first story, with none on the second . The rear elevation has two 1/1 double hung windows on the first story and one pair of 1/1 double hung windows on the second story.

Notes on the plan reference previous cases' conditions of approval but the changes are not shown.

## **Applicable Design Guidelines**

Heart of Knoxville Infill Housing Design Guidelines

1. Front Yards

- Consistent front yard space should be created along the street with the setback of a new house matching the older houses on the block.

- A walkway should be provided from the sidewalk or street to the front door. Along grid streets, the walk should be perpendicular to the street.

- Healthy trees that are outside the building footprint should be preserved. The root area should be marked and protected during construction.

### 2. Housing Orientation

- New housing should be proportional to the dimensions of the lot and other houses on the block.

On corner lots, side yard setbacks should be handled traditionally (that is, closer to the side street). The zoning requirement to treat corner lots as having two frontages should not apply in Heart of Knoxville neighborhoods.
Side yard setbacks should be similar to older houses on the block, keeping the rhythm of spacing between houses consistent.

3. Alleys, Parking, and Services

- Parking should not be in front yards.

- Alley access should be used for garage or parking pad locations. On level ground, pea gravel or similar material may be used as a parking pad off alleys.

- On streets without alleys, garages or parking pads should be at least 20 feet behind the front façade of the infill house with access limited to one lane between the street and the front façade.

- Garages which are perpendicular to the alley should be about 18 feet from the center line of the alley pavement, allowing a comfortable turning radius for a driver to enter a garage.

- Alley-oriented parking pads, garbage collection points, and utility boxes should be screened with a combination of landscaping and fencing.

- On those streets which have alleys, driveways should not be permitted from the front of the house.

- On corner lots, a driveway to the garage may be provided off the side street.

4. Scale, Mass, and Foundation Height

- The front elevation should be designed to be similar in scale to other houses along the street.

- The front façade of new houses should be about the same width as original houses on the block.

- New foundations should be about the same height as the original houses in the neighborhood.

- If greater height is to be created (with new construction or an addition), that portion of the house should be located toward the side or rear of the property.

### 5. Porches and Stoops

- Porches should be part of the housing design in those neighborhoods where porches were commonplace.

- Porches should be proportional to original porches on the block, extending about 8-12 feet toward the street from the habitable portion of the house.

- Porches should extend into the front yard setback, if necessary, to maintain consistency with similarly sited porches along the street.

- Porch posts and railings should be like those used in the historic era of the neighborhood's development. Wrought iron columns and other materials that were not used in the early 1900's should not be used.

- Small stoops centered on entry and no more than 5 feet deep are appropriate on blocks where porches were not traditional.

### 6. Windows and Doors

- When constructing new houses, the window and door styles should be similar to the original or historic houses on the block.

- To respect the privacy of adjacent properties, consider the placement of side windows and doors.

- The windows and doors on the front facade of an infill house should be located in similar proportion and position as the original houses on the block.

- Attention should be paid to window placement and the ratio of solid (the wall) to void (the window and door openings).

- Contemporary windows such as "picture windows" should not be used in pre-World War II neighborhoods.

### 7. Roof Shapes and Materials

- New roofs should be designed to have a similar pitch to original housing on the block

- More complex roofs, such as hipped roofs and dormers, should be part of new housing designs when such forms were historically used on the block.

- Darker shades of shingle were often used and should be chosen in roofing houses in Heart of Knoxville neighborhoods.

8. Siding Material

- Clapboard-like materials (such as cement fiberboard) should be used in constructing new housing where painted wood siding was traditionally used.

- Brick, wood shingle, and other less common material may be appropriate in some older neighborhoods, particularly those with a mix of architectural styles.

- Faced stone, vertical siding, and other non-historic materials should not be used in building new houses. In 1930-1950 era neighborhoods, faced stone may be appropriate (see Section 12).

11. Landscape and Other Considerations

- One native or naturalized shade tree should be planted in the front and rear yards of in fill lots with 25 feet or more in depth to front of house

## Comments

1. The house is proposed to be set 36.5' from the front property line. The average front setback of the blockface is 35.8'. The proposed front setback will maintain a consistent front setback with the blockface. The site plan includes a walkway from the house to the street.

2. The street to receive new construction is characterized by Minimal Traditionals, modified Queen Anne cottages, Craftsman bungalows, and ranch houses. The 16' wide by 40' deep house is not proportionate to the other houses on the block or the lot. Other houses on the block range between approximately 24' and 58' wide. Side setback requirements would allow for a house with a wider façade. The Board should discuss the proposed building width.

The applicant has used the proposed plan previously; the staff report noted the narrow width of the building but there were five comparable shotgun houses on the block.

3. Infill Housing design guidelines state that driveways from the front of the house should not be permitted on streets with alleys. Parking is a concrete pad next to the front of the house and is accessed from the street. Parking should be revised so that it is accessed from the alley. The final site plan should meet City Engineering standards.

4. The two-bay, two-story façade is more narrow than other houses on the street by at least 5'-8.'

5. The house features a full-length 6' deep front porch, which should be increased to at least 8' to meet the design guidelines. The 8 by 8 columns and horizontal header add detail to the porch design. The engaged gable on the front porch should be included in the final construction. If the front porch is constructed on an open foundation, the lattice indicated on the plans should be included to avoid an open deck look.

6. Guidelines recommend window and door styles be similar, with similar proportions and ratio of solid to void, to historic houses on the block. At least one additional window should be added to the left side elevation to reduce the large swath of siding with no transparency. The frontmost windows on the right elevation should be double-hung windows instead of transoms.

7. The proposed 10/12 pitch roof meets the design guidelines. The final construction should incorporate the rake mold and eave overhangs as drawn.

8. The application does not include information on siding or roofing materials. If vinyl siding is used, the siding should feature an overlap instead of Dutch lap or flush panel siding. The stucco coated block foundation meets the

design guidelines.

9. The final site plan should include one native or naturalized shade tree in the front and rear yards.

## Recommendation

The Board should discuss the proposed width and scale of the house in the neighborhood context. If determined to be appropriate, conditions of approval should include: 1) parking to be revised to meet design guidelines, with final site plan meeting City Engineering standards; 2) front porch to be increased to 8' in depth; 3) additional window to be added to left side elevation and right side window to be revised to double-hung window; 4) final construction to retain details shown in drawing; 5) final site plan should include new native or naturalized trees in front and rear yards.





## DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

□ HISTORIC ZONING (H)

INFILL HOUSING (IH)

Josh Braden

Applicant			
01/16/2025	02/19/2025	2-C-25-IH	
Date Filed	Meeting Date (if applicable)	File Number(s)	

## CORRESPONDENCE

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## **CURRENT PROPERTY INFO**

Atomic City Partners, LLC.	819 Freemason St, Knoxville, TN 37917	865.621.5510	
Owner Name (if different from applicant)	Owner Address	Owner Phone	
342 Chickamauga Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917	081BD011		
Property Address	Parcel ID		
Lindwood First Addition			
Neighborhood	Zoning		

## AUTHORIZATION

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**Please Print** 

Date

Josh Braden

01/16/2025

## 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:
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:       Demolition of a contributing structure         Brief description of work:       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       Multi-Sectional         See required Infill Housing attachment for more details.       Brief description of work:
STAFF USE ONLY	ATTACHMENTS       FEE 1:       TOTAL:         Downtown Design Checklist       FEE 2:       TOTAL:         Historic Zoning Design Checklist       FEE 2:       FEE 2:         Infill Housing Design Checklist       FEE 3:       FEE 3:

Level 1: \$50 • Level 2: \$100 • Level 3: \$250 • Level 4: \$500

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All Federal, State and local codes shall be considered as a part of these documents, and shall take preference over anything shown or implied if differences arise. 🛛 0 2023 Rick Thompson

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clg.	ceiling
CMU	concrete masonry unit
C.O	cased opening
conc.	concrete
GT.	ceramic tile
dbl.	double
dj	double joist
ew.	each way
fj	floor joist
ftg.	footing
HVAC	heating/ventilating/air conditioning
jst.	joist
ĹVL.	laminated veneer lumber - ie. Parallam
mech.	mechanical
mil	.001 inch
min.	minimum
N.T.S.	not to scale
00	on center
рс	pullcord
pt.	pressure treated
psf	pounds per square foot
R/A	return air
reqd.	required
reinf.	reinforcing
Rm.	room
r <i>o</i> .	rough opening
sf	square feet
syp	southern yellow pine
Shw.	shower
T\$G	tongue and groove
vif	verify in field
M.H.	water heater
MMM	welded wire mesh
уp	yellow pine

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These plans are designed to conform to the 2018 IRC, 2021 IRC, and the 2018 IRC fucularity local state amendments. National and local building codes vary with location and change from time to time. Therefore it is impossible to warrant compliance to gour specific location. It is the responsibility of the purchaser and/or the builder to adapt these plans to the requirements of the individual locale.

#### Structural Notes

These plans are designed for roof loads of 20 psf live load and 10 psi dead load. The chart to the left can be used to ad just for different requirements. All beams are labeled 1.V.' and should be sized locally. Roof loads can vary and have a big impact on the beams carrying accumulated loads. Most Lumber suppliers can have this engineered for their product.

### Wall Header Notes

Headers 3' or less to be 2-2x6 with 1 jack each side Headers 4' - 6' to be 2-2x8 with 2 jacks on each side Beams 4' to 6' to be 2-2x12 with 2 jacks on each side or 3" min bearing and footing under point loads.

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Limitations - The continuous sheathing requirements of Section R602.10.9 shall be limited to bracing
method CS-MSP in accordance with Table R602.10.1 with the following conditions of use:
1. Basic design wind speed shall not exceed 115 mph.
<ol><li>Wall height at each story level shall not exceed 12 feet.</li></ol>
<ol> <li>Eave to ridge height shall not exceed 20 feet.</li> </ol>
<ol> <li>Exterior walls shall be sheathed on all sheathable surfaces including infill areas between braced</li> </ol>
wall panels, above and below wall openings, and on gable end walls. 5. Except when used for bracing method 6B, the interior side of exterior walls and both sides of
interior walls shall be sheathed continuously with minimum 1/2-inch-thick gypsum wall board interior finish
fastened in accordance with Table R102.9.5, or approved interior finish of equivalent or greater shear
resistance Unless required for fire separation by Section RSO 2.6, gupsum board shall be permitted to be
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#### General Notes

 Square footages are for heated floor areas. This does not include fireplace projection or vaulted space. Stairs are counted on the main floor only.

Dimensions are from the face of the stud wall. Contractor to verify all dimensions and please contact us if an error is present.

 All footings shall be on firm undisturbed soil of no less than 2000 psf and be below frost depth. The exact size and reinforcement of concrete footings must be determined by local soil conditions.

· HVAC design to be sized according to the local climate conditions including compass direction

#### Energy Notes

Gaulk all exterior toe plates with latex caulk.

 Caulk all wire and pipe holes where they penetrate all upper and lower exterior plate

Use blown-in wall insulation if at all possible. If batt insulation is used pack behind all electrical boxes.

Seal all joints in HVAC ducts, with leakage no more than 3%. Three inch fiber mesh tape should be used on all collar to plenum connections and all gaps that are 1/4" or wider. Insulate ducts with R-6.5 or greater.

Foam insulate between all exterior window and door edges and rough opening frame. Use non-expanding foam.

• Provide back draft damper on kitchen hood vent, dryer vent, and bathroom venta

Insulate all hot water pipes.

Install wrap kit on water heater.

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