

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
JUNE 24, 2019  
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS  
HDP-2019-0286  
411-411 ½ EAST 30<sup>TH</sup> STREET

## PROPOSAL

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Demolish a ca.1914 house and a ca. 1947 duplex, located on the same lot.

## ARCHITECTURE

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Front: One-story, Cumberland-plan frame house with horizontal wood siding, full-width porch, paired front doors, and 2:2 wood windows. Back: Two-story frame fourplex with wood siding, full-width second-floor porch, and 2:2 paired horizontal-pane aluminum windows.

## RESEARCH

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The front house appears to have been built around 1913-1914. It was a rental property for the majority of its lifespan. Nearly all of its inhabitants over the years were short-term renters, and most were students and University of Texas employees. Austin Fire Chief Oscar C. Widerstrom lived in the home briefly in 1914.

The back house, also constructed as a rental property, appears to have been built between 1947 and 1949. It began as a duplex and then gradually became a fourplex, as UT students sought affordable rentals near campus.

## STAFF COMMENTS

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The property appears in the 1984 Comprehensive Cultural Survey with no priority recommendation.

### *Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark*

- 1) Both buildings are more than 50 years old.
- 2) The front house appears to retain a high degree of integrity; the back, a moderate degree.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (City of Austin Land Development Code, Section 25-2-352).
  - a. **Architecture.** The front house is designed in a double-pen/Cumberland style. It does not appear to possess architectural significance, though it does represent a vanishing house type in Austin. The rear house is vernacular in style and does not appear to possess architectural significance.
  - b. **Historical association.** There do not appear to be significant historical associations.
  - c. **Archaeology.** The property was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
  - d. **Community value.** The property does not appear to have a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, a neighborhood, or a particular group.
  - e. **Landscape feature.** The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.




## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center. Though the house is a rare example of an intact “double pen” style house in Austin, it does not meet the criteria for individual designation as a historic landmark.

## LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

1" = 147'

## NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: HDP-2019-0286  
LOCATION: 411 E 30TH Street



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PROPERTY INFORMATION

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*Front house*





*Back house. Source: Zillow.com*

### *Occupancy History*

City Directory Research, Austin History Center  
By City Historic Preservation Office, May 2019

1992	411 A: John T. Yang, renter 411 B: Thad M. Morgan, renter
	411½ A: Charles Chui, renter 411½ B: Vacant
1985-86	411 A: Marcia Henize, renter Student Note: the directory indicates that Marcia Henize was a new resident.
	411½ A: Vacant
1981	411 A: Pieter Wykoff, renter Student
	411½ A: No return
1977	411 A: Vacant 411 B: Vacant
	411 ½ A: C. Larrid, renter 411½ B: Wallace Arther, renter Printer Note: the directory indicates that Wallace Arther was a new resident.
	411½ C: David Miller, renter Note: The directory indicates that David Miller was a new resident.

1973      411 A: Laura Haun, renter  
              Student  
              Note: the directory indicates that Laura Haun was a new resident.  
              411 B: Vacant

             411½ A: Vacant  
              411½ B: Mary Church, renter  
                  Student

1968      411 A: Carl A. Walzel, renter  
              Dishwasher, Allendale Cafeteria  
              411 B: Jack D. Gude, renter  
              Dishwasher, Allendale Cafeteria

             411 ½: Vacant

1965      411 A: Donald and Patsy Bennett, renters  
              Student  
              411 B: Michael C. and Lynne Byrd, renters  
              Student

             Rear: Donald H. and Patricia Bennett, renters  
                  Student

1962      411 A: William R. Beard, renter  
              Student  
              411 B: Louis E. Bell, renter

             411 ½ A: Bernard C. Baumbach, renter  
              411 ½ B: Vacant

1959      411 A: James C. Sealef, renter  
              411 B: Robert Montgomery, renter  
              Student

             411 ½ A: Vacant  
              411 ½ B: Charles S. Gardiner, Jr., renter  
                  Student

1955      411 A: Ben B. Franklin, renter  
              Student  
              411 B: Dal Y. and Marilyn Ingersoll, renters  
              Student

             411 ½ A: Vacant  
              411 ½ B: Arthur C. and Margaret Hall, renters  
                  Student

1952      411 A: Vacant  
              411 B: Vacant

             411 ½: Leila Mc Geath, renter  
                  Student, UT  
              411 ½ A: Roy R. and Betty L. Horn, renters

	Student
	411 ½ B: Henrietta Ruhmann, renter
	Student
1949	411 A: Gerald Marable, renter
	411 B: Kenneth Pringle, renter
	411 ½: Murray V. Witzel, renter
	James Ocker, renter
1947	411: Morris Burks, renter
	411 ½: Richard J. Stockton, renter
1944-45	411: Harry J. Mason, renter
	411 ½: John R. Stockton, renter
1941	411: Rayburn Bell, renter
	411 ½: Richard Stockton, renter
1939	H.J. Dippel, renter
1935	Note: The address is listed as 121 E. 30 <sup>th</sup> St.
	M.A. Sheppard, renter
1932-33	W.A. Casseday, renter
1929	W.A. Casseday, renter
1927	Reverend J.L. Davis, renter
1924	Claude D. Peake, renter
1922	C.D. Peacke, renter
1920	W.H. Wilson, renter
1918	Vacant
1916	Oscar C. Widerstrom, renter
	Chief, Austin Fire Department; clerk, Voss & Koock
1914	Osman R. Manlove, renter
	Mechanician, UT School of Electrical Engineering

## Building Permits

# WATER SERVICE PERMIT

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**Nº 34717**

Austin, Texas

Received of **MRS. C. H. STERZING** Date **12-9-47**

Address **411 EAST 30**

Amount **TWENTY AND NINE 20 -**

Plumber **BASEY**

Date of Connection **3-4-48**

Size of Tap Made **3/4"**

Size Service Made

Size Main Tapped

From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock **7' 6"**

From E - Prop. Line to Curb Cock **21'**

Location of Meter **UNDER**

Type of Box **LOCK**

Depth of Main in St.

Depth of Service Line

From Curb Cock to Tap on Main

Checked by Engr. Dept. **4-14-48**

**INDEXED**

No. Fittings	Size
2	Curb Cock 5/8"
2	Elbow 3/4" GALV.
2	St. Elbow 3/4"
2	Bushing 3/4" SUCCEED
	Reducer
1	Pipe in 3/4" 1/2" GALV.
2	Lead 3/4" X 6" NIP
2	Nipples 3/4" CLOSE
	Union
1	Plug 3/4" X 3/4"
1	Stop 1/2" X 1/2"
1	Box LOCK
1	Lid 1/2"
	Valves
	Job No. 12122-507
	Req. No.

*Water tap permit, 12-9-1947*

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE PERMIT		No.	3295
Austin, Texas			
Received of		Date	9/25/1916
Address	411 E.30th. 411½		
Amount		\$	
Builder or Owner		Plumber	
Lot	Block	Subdivision	Plat No.
Date of Connection located 11/5/1959			
By City	1+29		
By Plumber			
Checked By			
Size Main	4" Depth		
Main Assign.	in alley		
Stub Depth	Prop. Line		
Stub Location	A 385		
Book No.			
Paving Cut	No.		
No. Fittings	Size	Price	
18" Pipe	4"		
Pipe			
Wyes			
Bends	4"		
Reducers			
Plugs			
Sand			
Gravel			
Remix			
Stoppers			
Castings			
Other			
Labor:			

*Sewer tap permit, 9-25-1916*