

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chapel Hill Historic District Commission

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SUBJECT: 702 Gimghoul Road: Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)
(9788766822, HDC-25-17)

FILING DATE: August 18, 2025

DATE: October 14, 2025

COA SUMMARY

Kaylan Watson, a representative for NC Solar Now, on behalf of the property owner, requests a COA for solar panels.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The property is zoned Residential-1 (R-1) and is in the Gimghoul Historic District.

BACKGROUND

August 18, 2025	The applicant submits a COA application for the work described above.
September 9, 2025	The Historic District Commission (HDC) meeting was cancelled because of lack of quorum and review of this application was rescheduled for October 14, 2025.

DISCUSSION

The applicant has provided materials for the proposed solar panels. The Commission should discuss whether the proposed work is or is not incongruous with the special character of the Gimghoul Historic District.

The applicant must obtain any necessary zoning compliance and building permits if the commission finds that the change is not incongruous with the character of the district and approves a written decision for the proposed work.

NOTE

The [Chapel Hill Historic Districts Design Principles and Standards](https://townhall.townofchapelhill.org/large_docs/historic_district/CH%20HD%20Design%20Principles%20and%20Standards.pdf)¹ are incorporated into the record by reference.

ATTACHMENTS

¹https://townhall.townofchapelhill.org/large_docs/historic_district/CH%20HD%20Design%20Principles%20and%20Standards.pdf

1. [Special Character Essay – Gimghoul Historic District \(pages 36-38\)](#)²
2. Application Materials

²https://townhall.townofchapelhill.org/large_docs/historic_district/CH%20HD%20Design%20Principles%20and%20Standards.pdf