

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chapel Hill Historic District Commission

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SUBJECT: 132 S. Columbia Street: Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)
(9788-36-6328 HDC-25-12)

FILING DATE: October 16, 2025

DATE: December 9, 2025

COA SUMMARY

Axalla Hoole, on behalf of Beta of Delta Kappa Epsilon, requests a COA to construct an addition to the chapter's house for additional indoor seating and serving area for gatherings. This addition would create a second story balcony patio. The fraternity would also like to construct an additional second floor space above the basement stairwell connector between the two main parts of the building.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The property is zoned Office/Institutional-1 (OI-1) and is in the Cameron-McCauley Historic District.

BACKGROUND

October 16, 2025	The applicant submits a COA application for the work described above.
November 11, 2025	The Historic District Commission (HDC) reviewed the application and provided comments for the applicant to address. The commission voted to continue the hearing to December 9, 2025, and the applicant agreed. November 11, 2025, Meeting Materials and Video ¹

DISCUSSION

The applicant has provided materials to respond to the commission's comments from the November 11, 2025, meeting. The Commission should discuss whether the proposed work is or is not incongruous with the special character of the Cameron-McCauley 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.

¹ November 11, 2025 Meeting Materials and Video:
<https://chapelhill.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=1344535&GUID=5EAF71EF-9387-478A-BDF3-C44935559EAA&Options=info|&Search=>

NOTE

The *Chapel Hill Historic Districts Design Principles and Standards*² are incorporated into the record by reference.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Special Character Essay – Cameron-McCauley Historic District (pages 31-35)³
2. Application Materials

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

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