

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chapel Hill Historic District Commission

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SUBJECT: 712 Gimghoul Road: Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)
(9788-76-9821, HDC-26-19)

FILING DATE: June 10, 2026

DATE: August 11, 2026

COA SUMMARY

Joshua Conroy (architect) requests a COA for a new deck on the east side of the existing house, an open-air wood pergola, and other exterior elements noted in the application materials.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

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

BACKGROUND

June 10, 2026	The applicant submits a COA application for the work described above.
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DISCUSSION

The applicant has provided materials for the proposed deck and other exterior elements. 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*](#)¹ are incorporated into the record by reference.

ATTACHMENTS

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

¹<https://www.chapelhillnc.gov/files/assets/town/v/1/planning/documents/plans-and-ordinances/overlay-district/ch-hd-design-principles-and-standards.pdf>

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