# AGENDA

A meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission of the City of Waxahachie, Texas to be held on **Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Hatchet Conference Room at the Charles Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers, Waxahachie, Texas.

Heritage Preservation Commission Members: Peggy Crabtree, Chair

Jacqueline Montejano, Vice Chair

Curtiss Thompson Michelle Haye Ronald Finch Adam Graves Kelly Savell

Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison:

Heritage Preservation Officer:

City Council Liaison:

Bonney Ramsey

Eleana Tuley

Patrick Souter

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. **Public Comments:** Persons may address the Heritage Preservation Commission on any issues. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Commission on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act, the Commission may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.042, Texas Government Code.
- 3. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2023
- 4. Consider final approval of work signatures for façade grant work at 209 S. College Street per Historic Waxahachie grant program
- 5. Consider Downtown Building Grant Application for property located at 217 E. Main Street
- 6. Consider new business sign at 212 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 3
- 7. Consider Certificate of Appropriateness for 210 E. University Avenue
- 8. Consider Applications for Historic Property Tax Exemption
- 9. Consider expenditure of registration costs and associated fees for interested Commissioners to attend the "Real Places Conference" hosted by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission
- 10. Comments by Commission members and Heritage Preservation Officer
- 11. Adjourn

The Heritage Preservation Commission reserves the right to go into Executive Session as authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from legal counsel on any agenda item listed herein. This meeting location is wheelchair-accessible. Parking for mobility impaired persons is available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made forty-eight hours ahead of the meeting by contacting the City Secretary at (469) 309-4006 or (TDD) 1-800-RELAYTX.

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# MINUTES

A meeting of the **Heritage Preservation Commission** of the City of Waxahachie, Texas was held in the Hatchet Conference Room, Beatty Municipal Services Building, 408 S. Rogers on **Thursday, November 9, 2023** at **5:30 p.m.** 

Heritage Preservation Commission Members present: Peggy Crabtree (arrived late)

Ronald Finch Curtiss Thompson Jacqueline Montejano

Kelly Savell Adam Graves Michelle Haye

Planning & Zoning Commission Liaison:

**Bonney Ramsey** 

City Council Liaison:

Patrick Souter

Heritage Preservation Officer:

Eleana Tuley

Guests: City Councilperson Travis Smith, Deputy City Manager Albert Lawrence, Senior Director of Economic Development Warren Ketteman and Charity Fitch, Waxahachie Sun

### 1. Call to Order

Jackie Montejano called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

### 2. Public Comments

No public comments.

3. Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2023 and Work Session of November 1, 2023

Michelle Haye made a motion to approve the minutes on October 12, 2023. Kelly Savell seconded the motion. All ayes.

Michelle Haye made a motion to approve the minutes of the work session on November 1, 2023. Ronald Finch seconded the motion. All ayes.

4. Discuss the November 1, 2023 Heritage Preservation Commission workshop results and the revised boundary for the Historic Overlay and take any necessary action.

Downtown Manager, Eleana Tuley begin the discussion with a review of properties under consideration. She recommended "cleaning up" outlier properties on the west side of Monroe Street. Leaving the Women's Building as part of the proposed expanded overlay. Following much discussion from Commission members, Councilmember Smith and staff, the Commission agreed that the following additional properties would be recommended for inclusion in the expanded overlay: The Women's Building at 407 W. Jefferson, two parcels at Railyard Park, 441 S. College, 415 S. Flat Street, 200 S. Clift Street, 300 Smokey Lane, 308 Smokey Lane, 308 N. College, 301 N. College, 311 N. College, 306 N. Rogers Street, 300 N. Rogers Street, 315 N. Rogers Street and 308 N. Monroe Street. Staff will be responsible for taking the necessary steps to notify the affect property owners.

Michelle Haye made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Curtiss Thompson seconded the motion. All ayes.

# 5. Comments by Commission members and City staff

Peggy Crabtree expressed interest in attending the Real Places Conference in April 2024 in Austin hosted by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission. She encouraged other Commissioners to consider attending as well and asked that this item be on the next agenda. Ronald Finch expressed his intent to submit an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for another property owner looking to make some improvements to his historic home consistent with the original architecture and design. Peggy expressed interest in reviewing it at the next HPC meeting.

No other comments made.

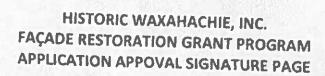
# 6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Warren Ketteman



# Gloria Mota (4) 209 S. College





# Pre-Approval of Work Signatures

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HPO: lite Suppor	Date: 9(10/2012
HPC Chair: Pegny Crubbice	Date: 8/10/2023
Pre-Approval of Grant Funding Signature	
The signature below by the HWI Board President confirmation has been approved by the HWI Board of Trustees for the grant amount will only be provided if HPC final approval	work defined in the attached application. The
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# HISTORIC WAXAHACHIE, INC. FAÇADE RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION



- 1
Name (Owner of Building): 2010 Make
Building Address: 209 5. (Lege 5+ . Utixalrichie Tx 75165
Mailing Address: 168 Hubinett Rd Waya hache Tx 75765
Describe the buildings important historical characteristics and designations. Include old and new photos that show the façade, if possible.
The hoilding is classic examples of vernocular one story comover.
that contains; + lot roof, caracet with class
Description of proposed work to be done: Totio coof cover (Frent store)
with new metal root/R-panel pates cover (some stud
Total Cost of Project: 15,427. 12 Grant Pormosts 4 7 600 00
Expected Start Date: 9/15/2023 Expected Completion Date: 10/30/2023
Attachments: (Discuss with HWi Representative if there is any difficulty providing these attachments.)
Provide copies of 2 bids for the work
<ul> <li>Include a copy of the description of work as presented to the Charles</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Construction must be completed within twelve (12) months of HWI pre-approval.</li> </ul>
Mail Application to: HWI Façade Grant Committee P.O. Box 22 Waxahachie TX 75168
Email Application to: historicwaxahachieinc@gmail.com
I have met with the Historic Waxahachie Inc. (HWI) representative and the City of Waxahachie Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC). I fully understand the procedures established by the HPC for the work I am undertaking on my historic building. I understand that if I am awarded the HWI Façade Grant, any deviation from this agreement will result in the withdrawal of the grant.
Applicant Signature: Signature: Market Date: 09/05/23

# K & M Remodeling & Painting LLC

# **INVOICE**

Gerardo Perez (214) 486-0489 perezgerardo 2009@gmail.com

INVOICE # DATE 3097 8/17/2023

BILL TO

Gioria Mata 209 S Collage St Waxahachie TX 75165 (469) 285-9933 maia948@icloud.com

DESCRIPTION	- FAST 11	
Awning Repair 6x21	QTY	AMOUNT
- Remove old modine & wood		\$9,467.00
- Install new frame wood to install metal sheet on top (black)		21 111
- Hual away all trash		
- Prep & Paint wood (white)		
Window Cuaik & Paint		
- Seal/Cualk all edges on all front windows (edges will be made with bk	in tano to get the best stale	\$4,789.00
- Paint all pink color in front of store (color match)	Po to gar the best strigt	nt line on edges)
- Cualk front entrace ceiling and paint (white) 5x4		
	07:	
Thank you for your business!	CUBERRA	
LABOR ONLY & MATERIALS INCLUDED	SUBTOTAL TAX RATE	\$14,256.00 8.250%
X	TAX TOTAL	\$1,176.12 <b>\$15,432.12</b>

If you have any questions about this invoice, please contact Gerardo Perez - (214) 486-0489 - perezgerardo2009@gmail.com

# ESTIMATE



Prepared For

**GLORIA MATA** 209 S COLLEGE ST WAXAHACHIE, TX 75165

**BIG TEX ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION** 

PO BOX 1713

Midlothian, TX 76065

Phone: (469) 774-7406

Email: rmartinez@bigtexroofing.com

Estimate #

327

Date

06/05/2023

PO#

**COLLEGE ST** 

Description

Total

\$14,000,00

209 S COLLEGE ST

EXTERIOR STORE FRONT: REMOVE & REPLACE = R&R

R&R EXISTING 6X21 PATIO ROOF COVER (FRONT STORE) WITH NEW METAL ROOF/ R-PANEL PATIO COVER

STRUCTURE)

R&R EXISTING CEILING WITH NEW T1-11 WHITE PINE WOOD

PAINT WHITE CEILING (SAME STRUCTURE)

NEW PAINT EXTERIOR EXISTING TRIM (PINK TRIM ONLY) FRONT WINDOWS/ FRONT DOORS

INSTALL ADDITIONAL NEW EXTERIOR/INTERIOR DOOR KEY LOCK ENTRY (ANTIQUE TYPE)

(THERE ARE NO CHANGES ON THE EXISTING STRUCTURE/LAYOUT EVERYTHING REMAINS THE SAME TYPE AS

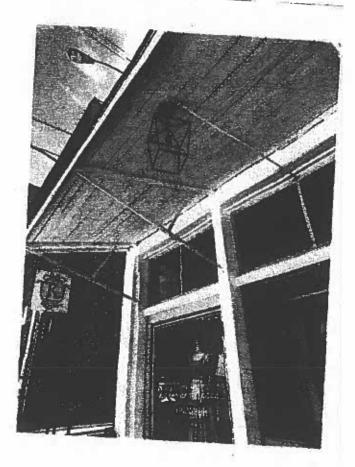
WITH NEW MATERIAL TO MATCH EXISTING STRUCTURE)

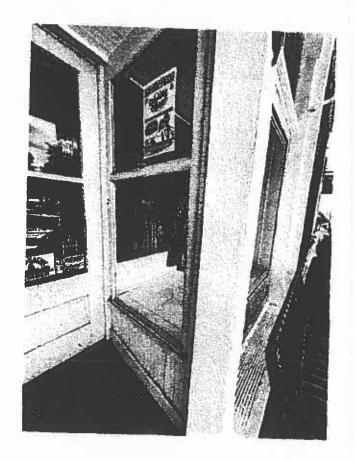
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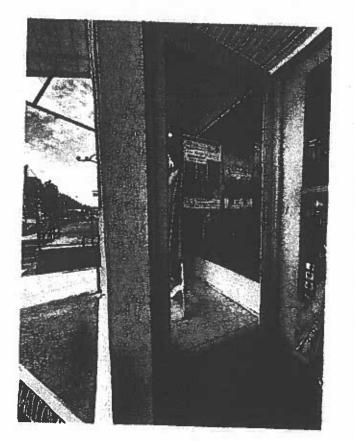
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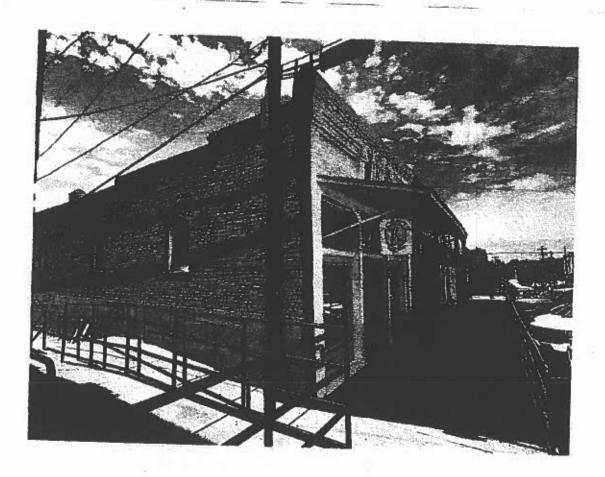
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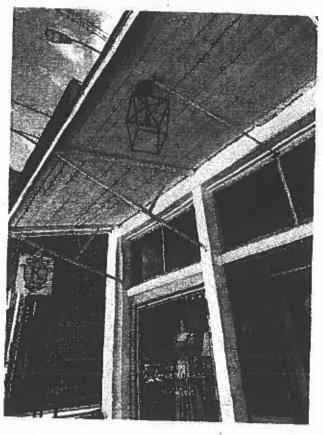


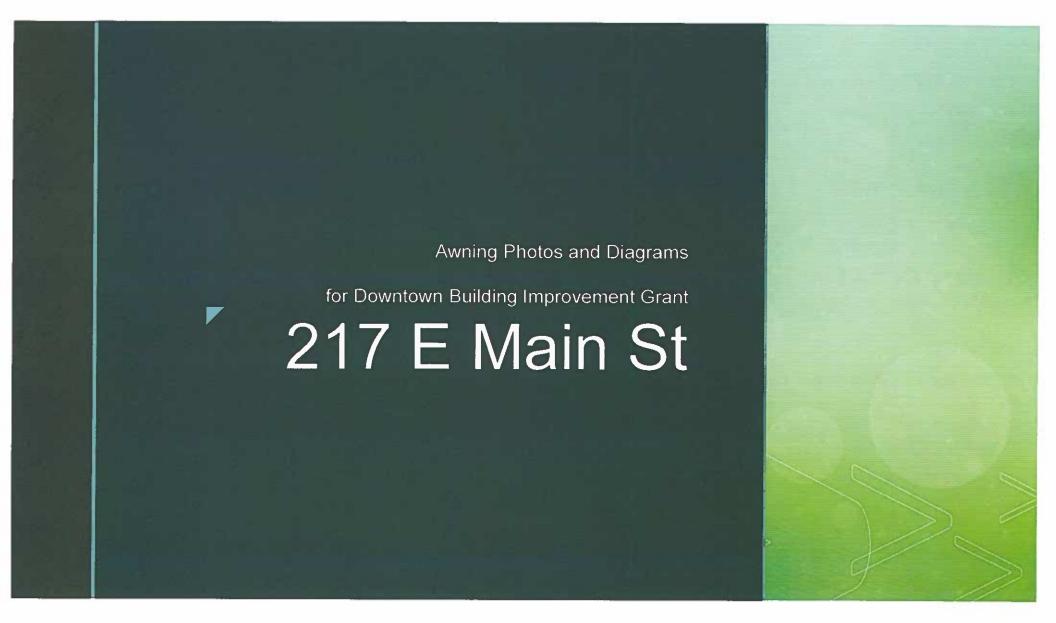


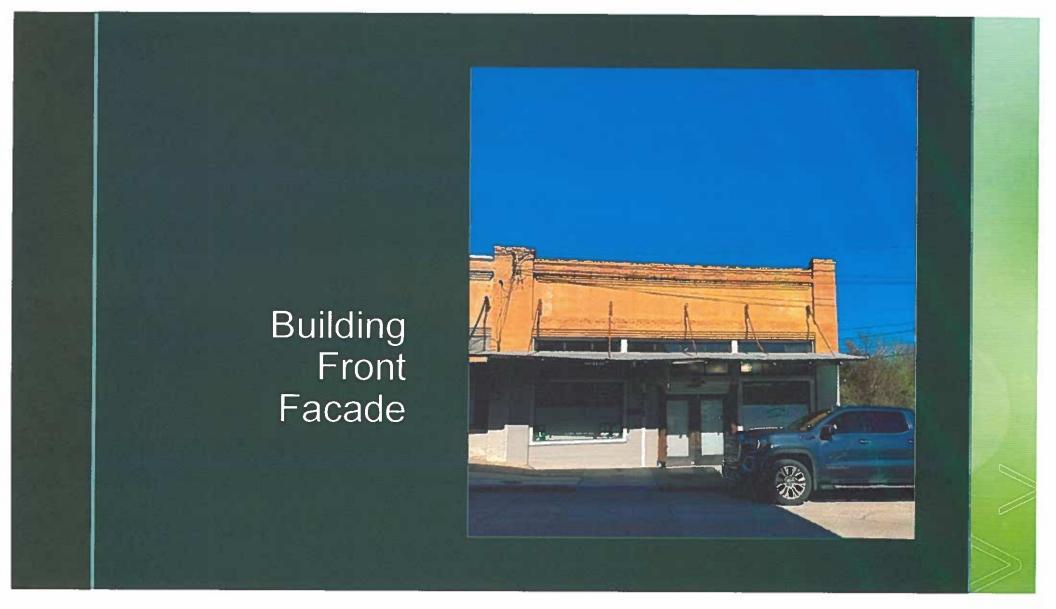






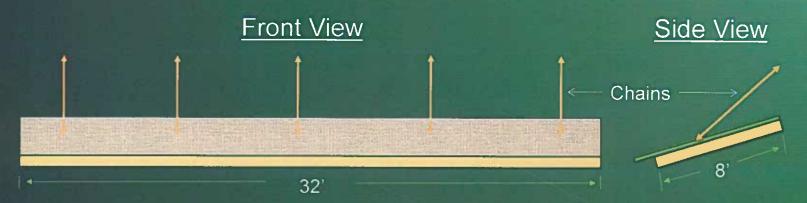




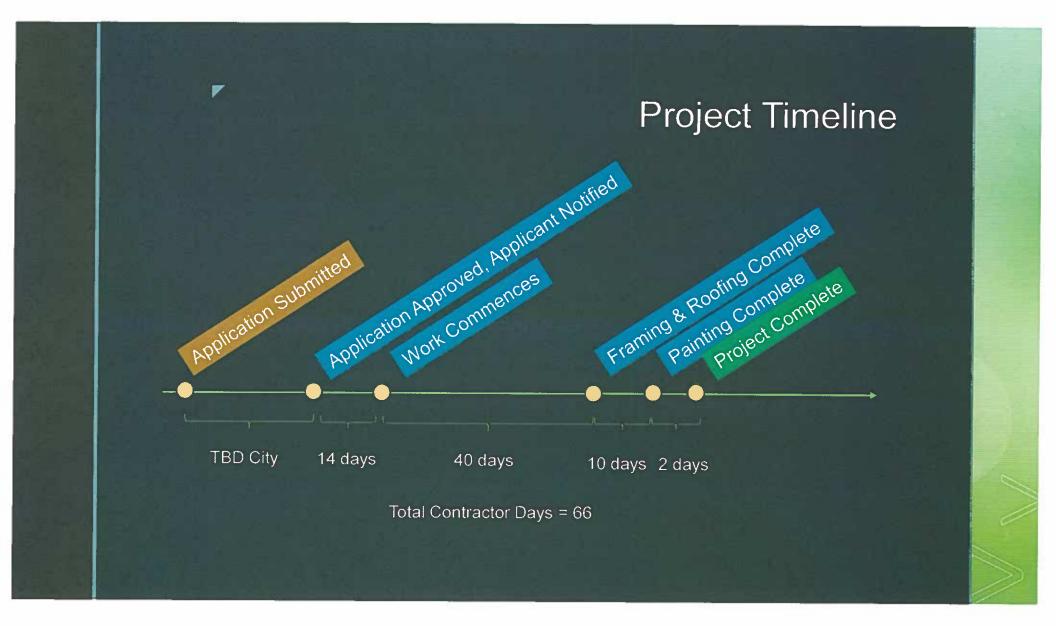




# **Awning Dimensions**



Awning will be rebuilt to original specs using the existing awning as a template



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# DOWNTOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Supported by the City of Waxahachie and Waxahachie Main Street Program

APPLICANT INFORMATION:  Building Owner: Right Vertick, L.C. Date: 10/23/23  Tenant (if applicable):
Cost Estimate: \$ 8466.58  (2) Contractor name: Cost Estimate: \$ 5616-contractor  Cost Estimate: \$ 5616-contractor
Quotes/bids submitted by an applicant must be current and dated no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the application request. Quotes/bids shall be submitted on the contractor's or project architect's letterhead and shall contain the contractor's name, address, and telephone number.
Total Cost of Building Improvement Project: \$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
Total Grant Amount Requested: \$ 4,232,29

# DOWNTOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT FORM

- a) The information submitted herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- b) I have read and understand the City of Waxahachie's Downtown Building Improvement Project Guidelines and agree to be bound by and abide by these conditions.
- c) I understand that approval of a Downtown Building Improvement grant shall be communicated to the applicant in writing by the City of Waxahachie via a Downtown Building Improvement Commitment Letter.
- d) I understand that receipt of a Downtown Building Improvement Commitment Letter from the City of Waxahachie does not constitute application or approval for a City of Waxahachie building permit.
- e) I understand that any changes made to the approved building improvements without the approval of the selection committee will be cause for the City of Waxahachie to withdraw its funding commitment.

Business/Organization Name

Property Owner/Applicant's Signature

Date

# Colonial Restoration PO Box 2868 Waxahachie, TX 75168

# **Estimate**

Date	Estimate #
8/25/2023	1658

Name / Address	
Big Blue Truck LLC	
217 Main	
Waxahachie, TX. 75165	

Project

217 Main

Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Demolition Lumber and Material for Jobs Equipment Rental-scaffolding Millwork and Trim-fascia Roof Framing-reframe awning and repair/replace broken joists and rehang cable/chain ties Painting Clean-up & Restoration Sanitation-debris removal and haul off Overhead & Profit General liability	6,410.19 8,140.94	775.00 398.19 950.00 820.00 2,175.00 952.00 150.00 190.00 0.27 0.04	775.00 398.19 950.00 820.00 2,175.00 952.00 150.00 190.00 1,730.75 325.64
		Total	\$8,466.58

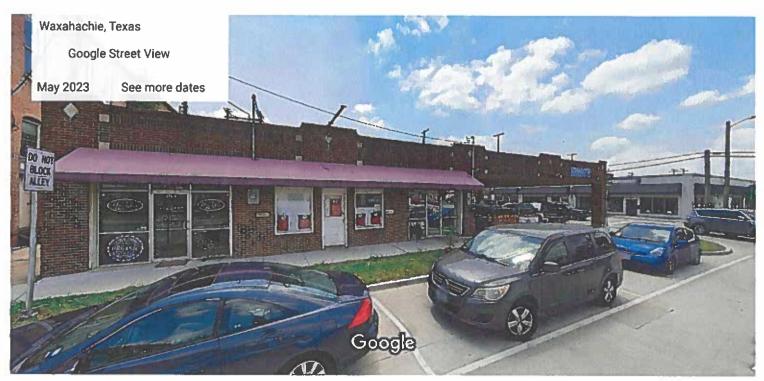
Phone #	Fax#
972-938-3383	972-938-3382



# 204 US-77

# (W)

# 212 W. Jefferson Street







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	Quickway SIGNS	JOB DESCRIPTION  (W)
Date: October 23rd, 2023	7	PRICE
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☐ Approved. No Changes Required ☐ Please make the noted changes		306 W. Main St. Waxahachie, TX 75165 972-937-7446
Signature	Date	info@quickwaysignstx.com

# Ketteman, Warren

From:

Driscoll, Perla

Sent:

Monday, November 27, 2023 5:01 PM

To: Cc:

Ketteman, Warren; King, Zack Tuley, Eleana; Garten, Kevin

Subject:

Sign Permit: SIGN-004483-2023 (212 W JEFFERSON ST Unit:3 WAXAHACHIE, TX 75165)

## Hello,

We've received a call from applicant about their sign permit. With Eleana being out, could we have some help with her part of the revew?



# Sign Review • 2 of 3 Reviews Completed



**Submittal Status** In Review

Due Date

11/17/2023

Start Date 11/02/2023 Blue Beam Session ID 878-563-229

# Item reviews

Name	User	Status	Assigned	Due	Cor
Building Permit Review	Kevin Garten	Acceptable	11/02/2023	11/17/2023	11/
No comments yet					
Downtown Development Review	Eleana Tuley	In Review	11/02/2023	11/17/2023	
No comments yet					
Planning/Zoning Permit Review	OANH VU	Acceptable w/	11/02/2023	11/17/2023	11/

PLEASE SEE ELEANA TULEY TO SEE IF THE SIGN NEEDS TO GO THROUGH HPC FOR APPROVAL, IF HPC APPROVAL IS REQUIRE SEEK APPROVAL. ONCE APPROVED BY HPC, WALL SIGN (ONLY) IS ACCEPTABLE. IF THE TENANT IS INSTALLING WINDOW SIGN WILL NEED TO INCLUDE IT IN THIS PERMIT OR A SEPARATE PERMIT.

# Thank you,



Perla Driscoll **Building & Community Services** City of Waxahachie 408 S Rogers St, Waxahachie, TX 75165 (469)309-4020/ ext. 4132

# CITY OF WAXAHACHIE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR HISTORIC PROPERTY RESTORATIONS APPLICATION AND CHECKLIST

	Case Number	Date Filed:
	Date for Consideration by the Heritage Preservation	on Commission:
	Applicant Charles A. Sims and	or Agent
	Mailing Address - Applicant/Agent (circle one)	
		Waxahochie, Tx 75145
	Historic Structure Address 210 East Un	iversity Ave Waxahachie, Tx 75165
	Is this structure for residential or non-residential u	se? (circle one)
	Has this structure been designated as a Historic Re (If it has not been designated, the property owner a prior to applying for a Certificate of Appropriatence	must request designation as a historic resource
	Is this structure in the Historic Overlay District?	Yes No <u>X</u>
	The Commission is appointed to assist you, but it significant historic properties from inappropriate of Heritage Preservation Commission will not approve shown to its satisfaction that the project is consisted Answer the following statements carefully and procommission can make an informed decision.	changes. It is important to remember that the ve your project unless the Commission is ent with the historical character of the property.
	1. Description of Project: I would like to	remove surroom on back of home
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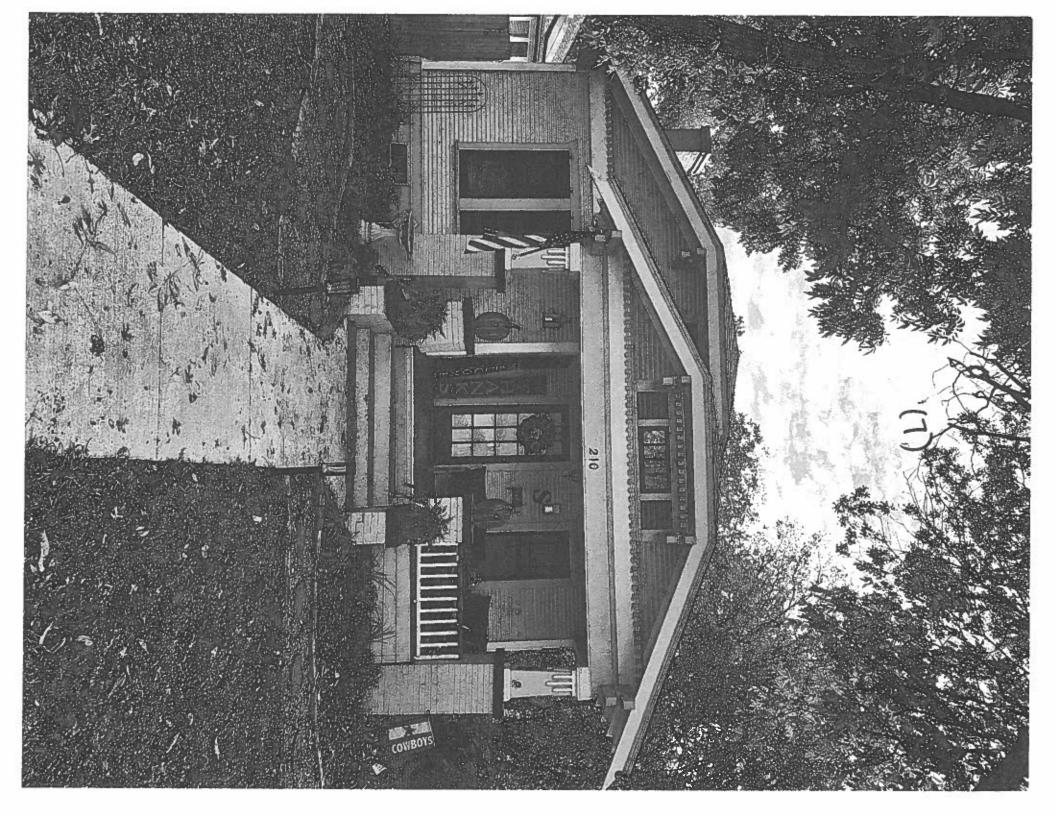
# **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS REQUIREMENTS**

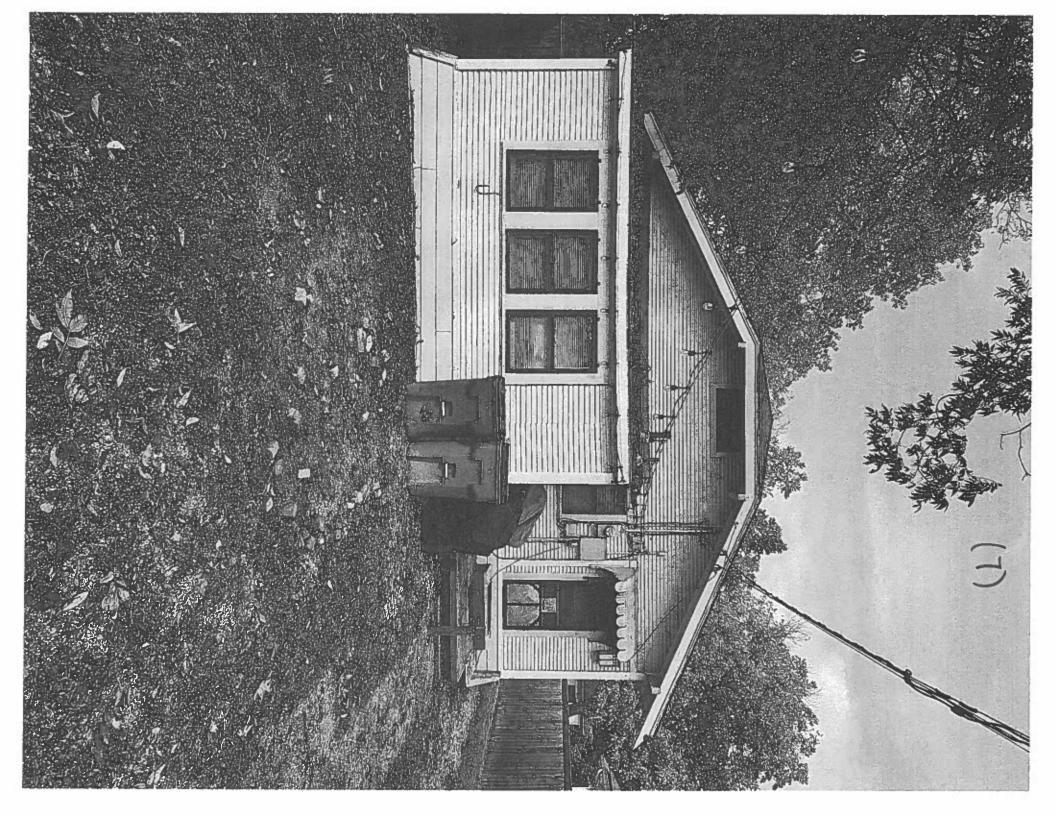
The following items are a <u>minimum</u> requirement for submitting a Certificate of Appropriateness for any project. Please check that you have completed all and sign prior to applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

- Location map of proposed buildings and structures
- o Current photograph(s) of the existing structure
- Historic photographs (if available) upon which the proposed work is based
   NOTE: Please research the history of your property before you begin planning your project. Sims Library and the Ellis County Museum are good places to start.
- o Elevation drawing(s) of any part of structure that is visible from the public right-of-way
- O Details drawn to scale for work to be done
- o Materials for all exterior surfaces and/or signs must be addressed
- o Details of proposed lighting fixtures
- o Sample(s) of material(s) to be used
- o Specifications of work, timeframe of project, dollar value of improvements to be made.

It is imperative that research be done *before* the project is submitted to the Heritage Preservation Commission. It is also recommended that you secure a copy of the Secretary of the Interior's <u>Standards for Rehabilitation</u> (it is used by the Commission as a guideline) to review as you plan your project. You may obtain a copy online at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/rhb/stand.htm">www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/rhb/stand.htm</a> or by contacting the Heritage Preservation Officer.

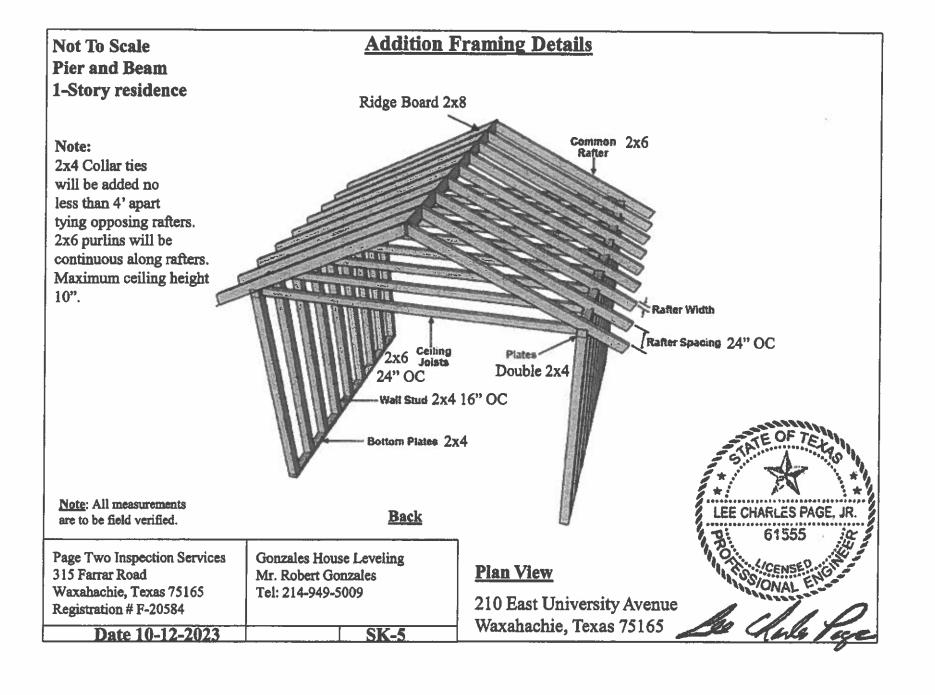
Pre-hearing planning information can be obtained at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Heritage Preservation Commission or by appointment with the Heritage Preservation Officer. This meeting might be necessary depending on the size and complexity of the project. The Heritage Preservation Commission or City staff may require other information and data for certain projects.

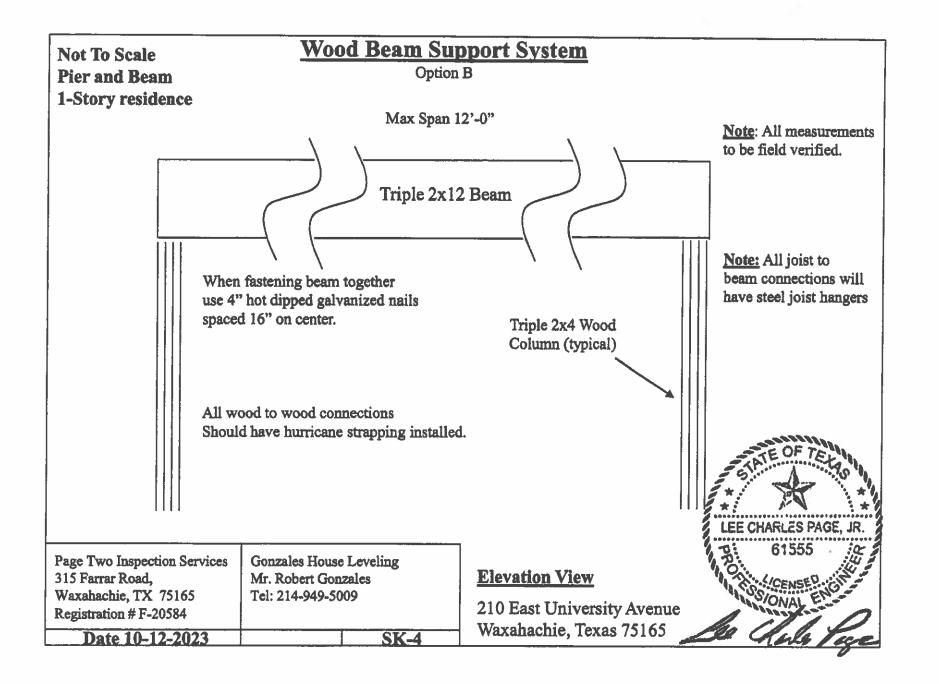


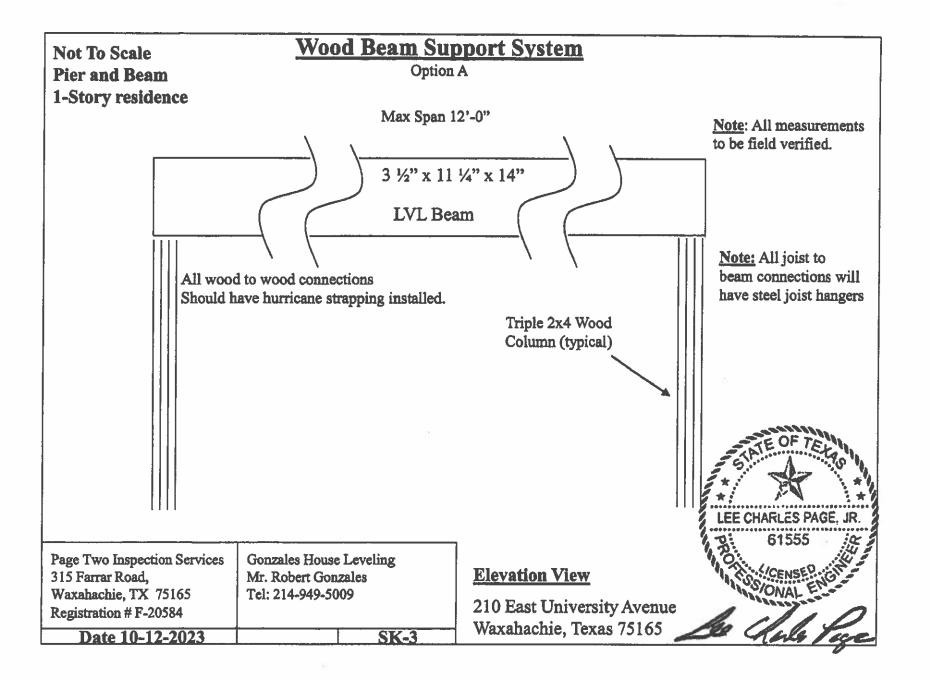


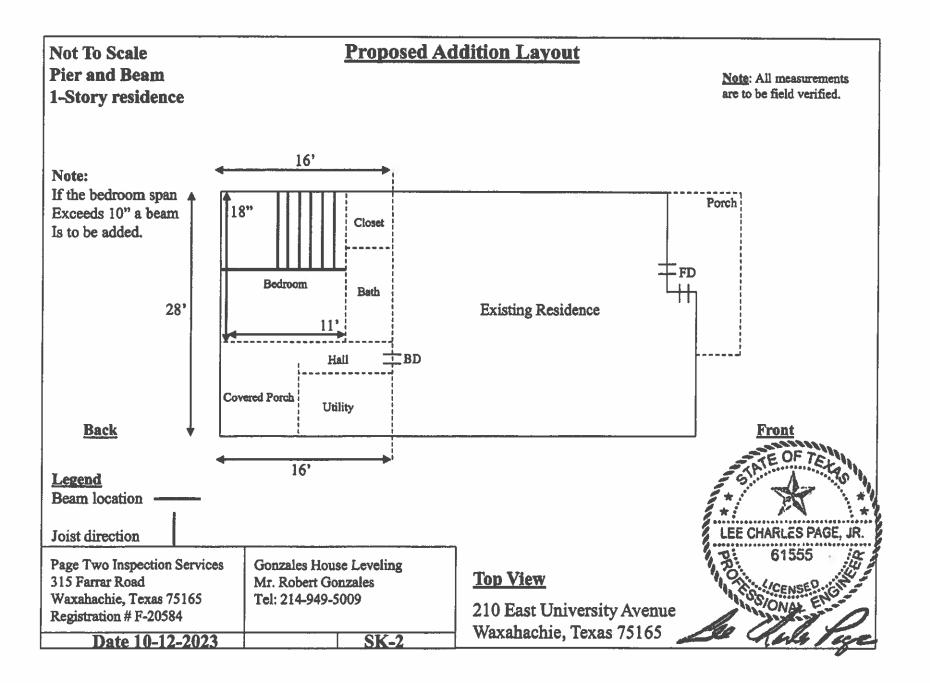












# **Page Two Inspection Services**

CONSULTING ENGINEERS, STRUCTURAL, MECHANICAL 315 Farrar Road, Waxahachie, Texas 75165
Tel: (972) 268-4140 Fax: (972) 935-0184



Gonzales House Leveling Mr. Robert Gonzales

November 08, 2023

Tel: 214-949-5009

Email: robertgonzalesconstruction@yahoo.com

### Referenced Residence:

Re: Foundation details for the proposed pier and beam addition at 210 East University Avenue, Waxahachie, Texas 75165.

Preliminary Information: The existing site is a fairly flat lot for the residential addition. Based on information from the property owner the foundation will be enlarged for living space.

The property owner is responsible for all needed and required permitting zoning requirements.

Addition Foundation Details: The single story pier and bream addition will be used to enlarge the living space of the existing house. The existing layout is shown in SK-2. The pier and beam foundation is to be constructed using treated wood framing and concrete pad and block piers. The concrete pads are to be 16"x16"x4" and the blocks are to be 12"x12"x8". Smaller concrete blocks and shims can be used for fine leveling. The primary foundation support beams are to be 4"x6" or no less than doubled 2"x6". The secondary foundation supports are to be a minimum 2"x6" and spaced at a maximum 16" on center. Attach the new addition to the existing house as needed and required. Joist to bottom plate wood to wood connections will have Simpson strong tie connectors. Use no less than 3/4" decking for sub-flooring. All work is to meet or exceed the intent of the 2018 IRC Building Code.

The expansion and contraction joints are the responsibility of the contractor. The means and methods of installation are the responsibility of the contractor. All information and details were provided to this engineer by the contractor/homeowner. The main house and the addition are separate foundations and will move differently from each other.

I recommend the homeowner follow the enclosed Foundation Maintenance Program.

Disclaimer: The main house is excluded from this report. The report excludes electrical, architectural, framing, mechanical, plumbing, termites, wood rot, wood destroying insects, pre-existing house, sidewalk, driveway, and detached structures. No performance warranty of any kind is expressed or implied. Due to the soil type in the area, the foundation may experience movement/settlement in the future. If the local, city, county, state, federal, or any applicable code is more stringent than this report, then the code requirement overrules and takes precedent. Limit of liability shall be the fee paid for this report.

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Sincerely.

Lee Charles Page, P.E. #61555
Page Two Inspection Services #F-20584

# **Typical Pier Detail**

# Wood Beam

# Concrete Pad and Block Pier

- 16x16x4 inches Pre-cast Pads
- 8x8x16 inches Pre-cast Blocks
- Shims as Needed to Level

# **Support Detail**

Piers are spaced at minimum 6'-0" and maximum 8'-0" on center.

Page Two Inspection Services 315 Farrar Road

Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Registration #F-20584

Date 11-08-2023

Gonzales House Leveling Mr. Robert Gonzales

SK-1

Tel: 214-949-5009

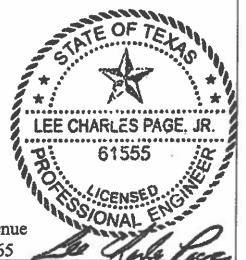
# Foundation Plan

Concrete Pad and Block Piers

Not to Scale Wood Siding Pier and Beam

Residence
1 - Story

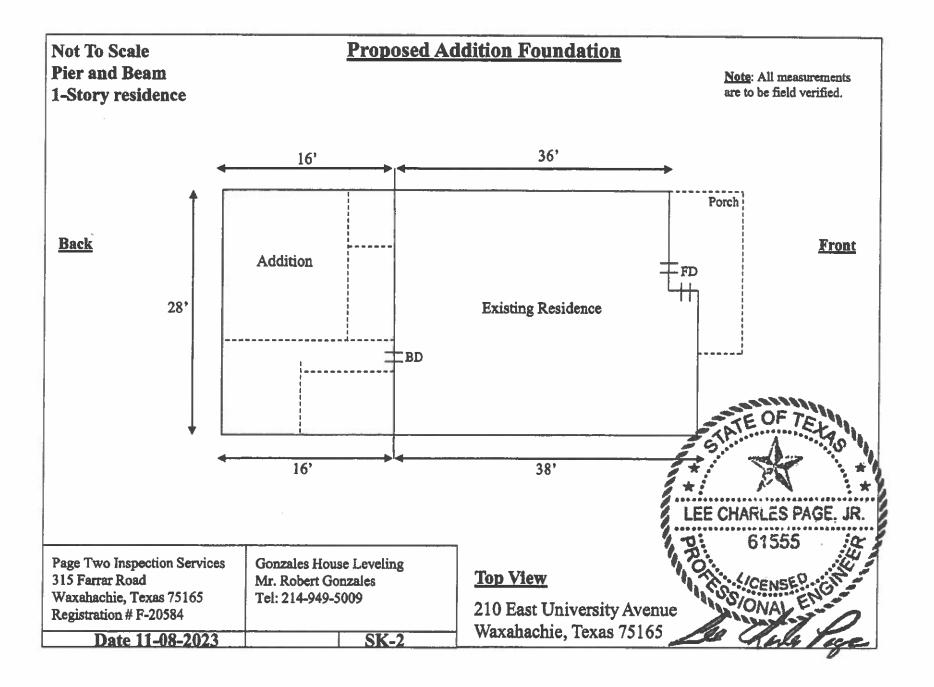
# See SK-3 For Foundation Details

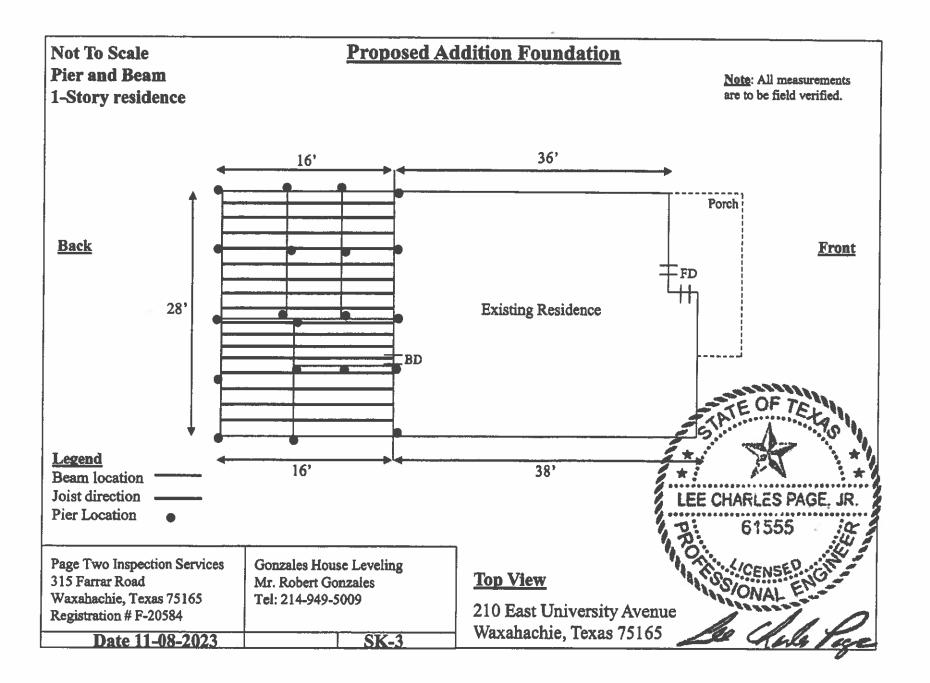


Plan View

210 East University Avenue Waxahachie, Texas 75165







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# Foundation Maintenance Program

Highly plastic clay soils, as are typically found in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, exhibit a great amount of expansion and contraction caused by seasonal moisture changes and varying weather conditions. Clay soils that become too dry will shrink and not be able to maintain a physical elevation of a structure's foundation. High ambient temperatures and long periods of inadequate rainfall can cause moisture loss several feet below the surface and take a devastating toll on foundations in the DFW area. Conversely, clay soils that become overly saturated can lose their load bearing capacity.

Guidelines regarding residential foundations and soil moisture changes:

The key to maintaining foundation elevations is proper drainage. Water should always run away from the house with no pooling of water near the foundation. Soil should be about 2 inches below the top of the perimeter grade beams, and slope about 1-2 inches per foot for a minimum of 18 inches away from the perimeter. It is recommended to place fill dirt at perimeter grade beams, install gutters, and place splash blocks under downspouts. Only claylike soils should be added around the perimeter, NOT porous or sandy soils.

Keep an eye on the soil conditions around your house by looking at the "soil line," which is where the soil meets the concrete beam wall. If the soil line has pulled away from the foundation more than 1/8", it is time to water. Ideally, the soil should be snug against the wall. If you see that the soil has pulled away, it is recommended to not add water directly into the separation because it may settle under the beam and make the soil in that area too wet. Instead use a sprinkler or a soaker hose. The separation should close by itself in a few days.

The moisture content of the soil at the perimeter of the foundation should be slowly increased and maintained during all seasons. Water the foundation in a uniform and systematic manner with an automatic system or soaker hoses placed 12-18 inches from the perimeter beam wall The key is to keep the soil moist but not muddy. Watering every other day for about 20 minutes is usually sufficient, but should be increased during very hot, dry periods when drying cracks occur. During hotter seasons, the South and West sides of the house might require more watering because of more direct exposure to the sun than on the North and East sides.

It is recommended to not plant trees or shrubs next to the foundation because their roots sap moisture from the soil, both at the foundation and under the slab. This then lowers the moisture content of the active supporting soil at various places, which can cause differential settlement of the foundation. Trees, in particular, should be planted no closer than their expected growth height (i.e. if a tree is anticipated to grow 30 feet tall, it should be planted at least 30 feet away from the house). Also, certain fast-growing bushes (like red-tipped photinias) should be avoided completely if possible because they consume large amounts of water, hence fast-growing.

Most major foundation movements can be prevented if the active supporting soil is well maintained. The extent of distress will be lessened and the service life of the residence will be considerably increased.

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- Full and Thursday-only registrations include the Wednesday Opening Event and Thursday Awards Banquet.
- Pre-conference workshops and tours include lunches.
- Options are available to bring a guest to the Opening Event on Wednesday and the THC Awards Banquet on Thursday evening.

This chart will help you budget conference expenses. Selections are made during the registration process.

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We recognize that despite our best efforts to control attendance costs and provide a high-value experience, the costs may be difficult or unobtainable for some constituents. Therefore, we offer a limited number of competitive lodging stipends that can cover 1-3 nights of lodging at either the Renaissance Austin Hotel (the conference hotel) or the nearby Embassy Suites Hotel based on need for selected attendees. To apply, request a stipend application by emailing <a href="mailto:realplaces@thcfriends.org">realplaces@thcfriends.org</a> and submit by **December 15**, **2023**.

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In-Person Student	\$225	\$275	\$375
Courthouse Stewards	\$325	\$450	\$550
Single Day (Thursday only)	\$300	\$325	\$400
Single Day (Friday only)	\$175	\$200	\$275

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