

Greater Liberty Baptist Church
1230 Desire Street, New Orleans, La. 70117
Dr. Calvin W. Woods, Jr., Pastor
Dr. Adrian Woods, President of Trustees

October 20, 2025

Clerk of Council City Hall, Room 1E09 New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

Re: Appeal of HDLC Decision Denying Demolition of 1235 Piety Street , NOLA 70117
Reference Code: 8HA3YB

Dear Clerk of Council,

On behalf of Greater Liberty Baptist Church, I respectfully submit this letter to appeal the recent decision by the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission (HDLC) denying our request to demolish the property located at 1235 Piety Street.

We understand and appreciate the Commission's mission to preserve the architectural and cultural heritage of our city. However, we believe that the decision does not adequately consider the unique circumstances surrounding our property and the broader needs of our congregation and community.

The structure at 1235 Piety Street has suffered extensive deterioration over the years, rendering it unsafe and unsuitable for continued use. Despite our efforts to maintain and repair the building, the cost of restoration far exceeds our financial capacity as a small congregation. Our intention is not to erase history, but to create a space that better serves our mission and the evolving needs of our neighborhood.

We are committed to honoring the legacy of the site and are open to incorporating elements of its historical character into any future development. Our goal is to build a facility that is safe, functional, and welcoming — one that continues to contribute positively to the spiritual and social fabric of the Bywater community.

We respectfully request that the City Council reconsider the HDLC's decision and grant Greater Liberty Baptist Church the right to proceed with demolition. We are prepared to provide additional documentation, structural assessments, and community support letters to aid in your review. You can contact me at (504)606-4782, cwwoods@bellsouth.net

Thank you for your time and consideration. cwwoods@bellsouth.net /504-606-4782.

Sincerely,

Dr. Calvin W. Woods, Jr., Pastor

Dr. Adrian Woods, Trustees President

Re: Sam Demolition

NEW ORLEANS HISTORIC DISTRICT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
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MAYOR

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Bryan D. Block
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Monday, October 20, 2025

Louisiana Demolition Inc
5750 Old Gentilly Rd
New Orleans, LA 70126

Re: 1235 Piety St
Reference Code: 8HA3YB

Dear Louisiana Demolition Inc:

This letter confirms the actions of the New Orleans Historic District Landmarks Commission at its meeting Friday, October 17, 2025, concerning your application for the following work: Demolition to grade of a Contributing rated, one-story, two-family residential building.

At that time the Commission voted to: Deny the application for demolition to grade based on the condition of the structure today and because much of the original character-defining exterior architectural details remain and the building continues to contribute its type, style, massing and roof form to the surrounding local historic district.

Should you wish to appeal the Commission's decision to the City Council you must provide a written request for appeal addressed to the Clerk of Council, City Hall, Room 1E09, New Orleans, LA 70112 within ten (10) calendar days of the Commission meeting. A copy of this letter should be included with the request. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, feel free to contact me at (504) 658-7046 or Michala.Daniels@nola.gov.

Sincerely,
Michala Daniels

Michala Daniels
Plan Reviewer

Approved__BB__ Bryan Block, Director

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