

**NEW ORLEANS CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL RESEARCH  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**



**TO: CLERK OF COUNCIL**  
**CC: COUNCILMEMBER EUGENE J. GREEN, JR., DISTRICT D**  
**FROM: ANITA CURRAN, COUNCIL RESEARCH OFFICER**   
**DATE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2025**  
**SUBJECT: DEMOLITION APPLICATION REPORT – 2626 NORTH ROMAN STREET**

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Pursuant to City Code § 26-5, please find below for inclusion on the City Council’s September 11, 2025 meeting agenda, the Council Research Office Report regarding the following application for demolition of a structure in a National Register Historic District (New Marigny), which the Council received at its meeting on August 21, 2025:<sup>1</sup>

Property Address: 2626 N. Roman St.  
Application No.: 25-23081-DEMO  
Owner/Applicant: Eugene M. Butler, Sr./Crescent Foundations, LLC (contractor)  
Request: Demolition to grade of single-family dwelling

The Council must act on the demolition application within 45 days of receipt (October 5, 2025); failing to do so is deemed a denial of the application.<sup>2</sup> **The date of the last regular meeting at which the Council can consider this demolition application is September 25, 2025.**

Council action by motion approving the demolition must “expressly authorize the department of safety and permits to issue a demolition permit.”<sup>3</sup> The motion may include reasonable conditions needed to protect the public welfare in relation to the preservation of the Historic District’s

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<sup>1</sup> Any demolition of a structure within National Register Historic Districts, not expressly exempt by law, must be first reviewed and approved by the City Council at a public hearing. New Orleans, La., City Code § 26-4(a). Prior to such hearing, the Council Research Office reviews the demolition application and provides Council with a written report examining the application based upon enumerated criteria. Id. § 26-5(d).

<sup>2</sup> Id. § 26-6(b).

<sup>3</sup> Id. § 26-6(a).

overall integrity (e.g., requiring demolition/redevelopment to be completed within a reasonable timeframe; requiring deconstruction or salvage of historic elements).<sup>4</sup>

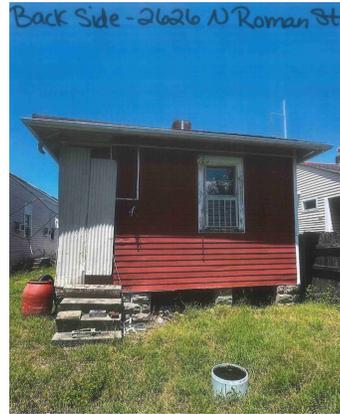
**COUNCIL RESEARCH OFFICE REPORT**

**1. The current condition of the structure as evidenced by application photographs:**

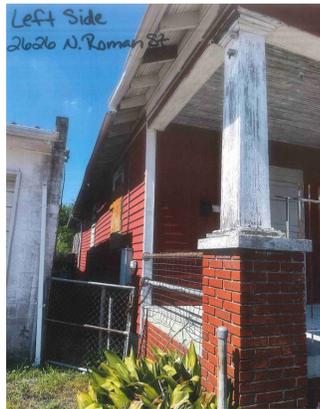
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**2. The reason for the demolition request and the cause for the current conditions, if known:**

The owner seeks to build a new house.

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<sup>4</sup> New Orleans, La., City Code § 26-6(c).

**3. The architectural and historical significance of the structure, working in consultation with Historic District Landmarks Commission (HDLC):**

City Council HDLC Demolition Review

8/26/2025

2626 N. Roman St

2626 N. Roman Street is contributing-rated building in the New Marigny National Historic District.

The HDLC objects to the demolition of this structure.

Located in the New Marigny National Historic District

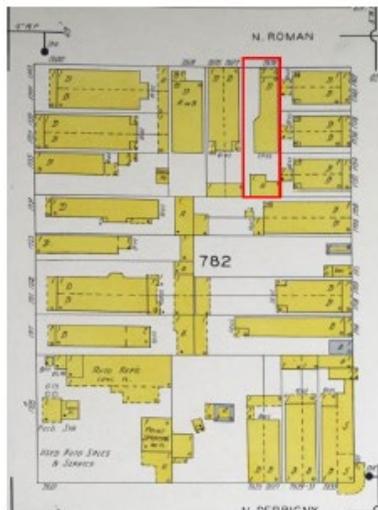
- Period of significance – 1830 - 1944
- Built ca. 1910 – 1920
- Retains original form and massing, Craftsman architectural details such as columns, wooden vergeboard, and overhanging porch



Photo submitted with Demolition application, 2025



Google Maps Image, 2011

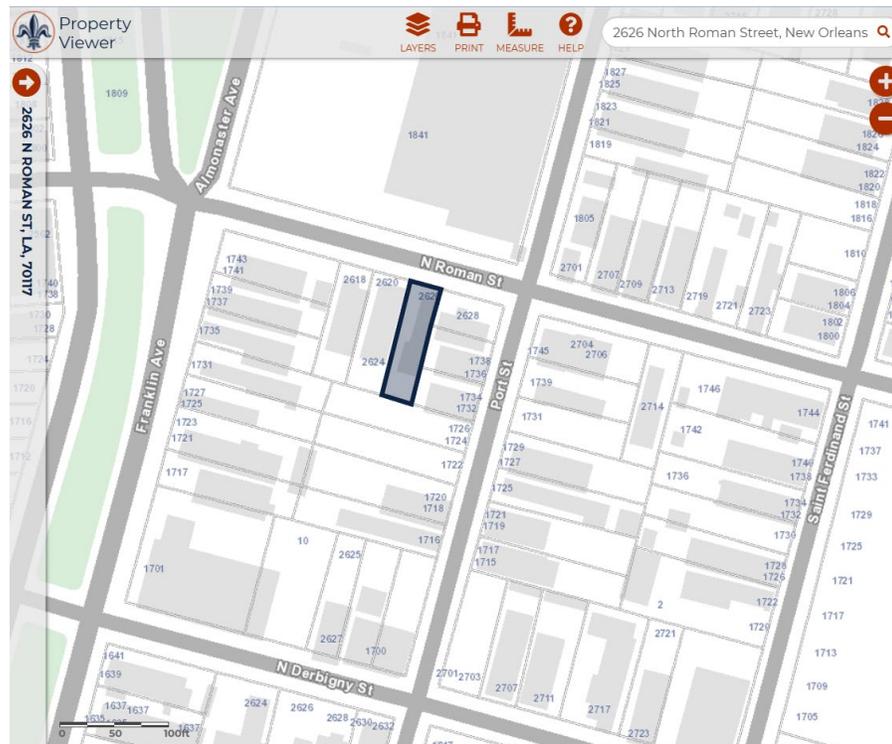


Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1937

**4. The neighborhood context of the structure and the overall effect demolition will have on the area.**

The residential structure fronts N. Roman St. and is bounded by Port St., Franklin Ave., and N. Derbigny St. in the New Marigny Historic District. The zoning district is HU-RD2, Historic Urban Two-Family Residential, which “is intended to provide for two-family development on smaller lots in older, densely populated urban sections of the City mixed with detached single-family dwellings.”<sup>5</sup>

The HDLC *objects* to the demolition of this structure because it is a contributing-rated building built in the period of significance for this historic district (1830-1944) that retains its original form, massing, and Craftsman architectural features.



**5. The proposed length of time the site is anticipated to remain undeveloped if demolition is granted.**

The expected redevelopment project completion date is August 2026.

**6. The proposed plans for redevelopment and if redevelopment is permitted by the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, or if additional entitlements will be needed.**

The proposed use is a single-family residential structure which is permitted in the zoning district.

<sup>5</sup> New Orleans, La., Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, art. 11.1.C, <http://czo.nola.gov/Article-11#11-1-C>.