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Ms. Marquez,

This letter accompanies a new submittal, approximately one year after the original review, and is intended to clarify both the technical concerns and the practical constraints associated with reducing the existing window size at 2535 W. River Drive.

Over the past year, I have made repeated efforts to solicit contractors to perform the previously proposed window size reduction. However, I have been unable find a contractor willing to take on the work due to a combination of cost, construction feasibility, and the large number of trades required for such a small scope.

From a construction standpoint, reducing the window width by 8 inches and height by 6 inches introduces several exterior complications. A smaller window would require infilling approximately 4 inches of siding on each side of the opening, creating multiple new vertical seams that do not align with the existing siding pattern. This condition increases long-term maintenance concerns, accelerates uneven wear, and introduces additional waterproofing risk due to the number of new joints required across multiple windows.

Interior impacts further complicate the work. Installing a smaller window within the existing rough opening necessitates drywall infill, texture matching, repainting, and trim modifications. Matching the existing interior finishes is difficult and would likely result in visible inconsistencies that diminish interior quality.

In addition, resizing the window opening requires coordinating numerous trades, including demolition, framing, siding, window installation, drywall, and painting. Any delay between reframing and window installation would require boarding the opening. During the original construction of this home, I experienced multiple break-ins, including the theft of a window, making unsecured openings a legitimate safety and security concern.

Additionally, I now have landscaping, including shrubs, trees, and a privacy fence that mostly blocks the view of the lower portion of the home since the home sits lower than the street frontage. I have included photos as an attachment to this letter.

For these reasons, this new submittal proposes no change to the existing windows and for them to remain as constructed.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if any additional clarification or documentation is required.

Sincerely,

Robert Laudick

**2535 RIVER DRIVE**  
HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGN  
REVIEW APPLICATION  
EXISTING AND PROPOSED PHOTOS



EXISTING FRONT OF HOUSE WITH EXISTING  
NON-HISTORIC ALUMINUM WINDOWS  
(CENTER)



EXISTING FRONT OF HOUSE WITH EXISTING  
NON-HISTORIC ALUMINUM WINDOWS  
(LEFT)



EXISTING FRONT OF HOUSE WITH EXISTING  
NON-HISTORIC ALUMINUM WINDOWS  
(RIGHT)



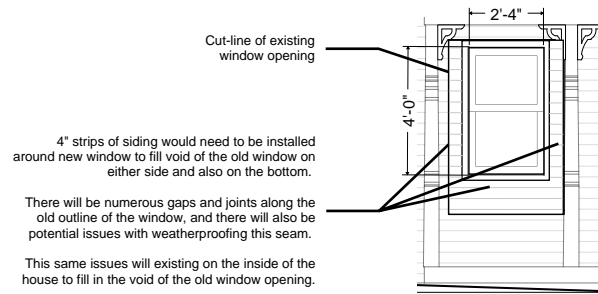
NEW FRONT OF HOUSE WITH PROPOSED  
WINDOWS. RECENT LANDSCAPING BLOCKS  
VIEW OF BOTTOM OF WINDOWS.



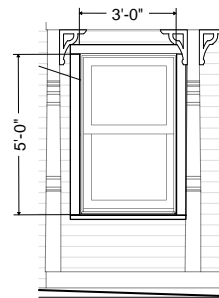
NEW FRONT OF HOUSE WITH PROPOSED  
WINDOW. MOST OF WINDOW BLOCKED BY  
LANDSCAPING.



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Elevation of double hung front window with smaller opening



Elevation of front window with existing opening