



# Certificate of Appropriateness

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission/841 N Broadway/Milwaukee, WI 53202/phone 414-286-5722

## Property

**501 W. Historic Mitchell Street**

## Description of work

Rehabilitate the existing commercial building for use as a Parish center. Construct a three-story rear addition, which will provide additional egress, floor space, and access to a new rooftop deck from which to view the church. Rehabilitate primary building based on Landmarks Commission photographs and principles of traditional storefront design. Brick will be as approved in CCFN 250353 and shown on following page.

## Date issued

Revised 1/20/2026

**Revision relates to window details and rear entry light.**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 320-21 (11) and (12) of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission has issued a certificate of appropriateness for the work listed above. The work was found to be consistent with preservation guidelines. The following conditions apply to this certificate of appropriateness:

1. Submit a detailed window schedule for the addition for approval. Clad or all-metal casements are expected. May be fixed windows at owner's preference.
2. Windows in the historic sections of the building shall be non-clad wood with simulated divided lights with internal spacer bar. However, storefront materials are approved as drawn.
3. There is one pair of historic, complex sash windows on the 5th Street façade. As these will be highly challenging to reproduce and some original material needs to be retained on the building, these two windows shall be retained and restored.
4. Rear entry lighting shall not be "coach lights." These are not correct to the period. Select either a contemporary fixture or a gas globe style fixture.
5. Exterior masonry cleaning/paint removal is a separate permit from all other construction. No specific cleaning method for the historic masonry has been proposed in the documents provided so far. This will require separate review and mockups at the relevant time. High pressure abrasive cleaning is prohibited by state law.

All work must be done in a craftsman-like manner. Staff must approve any changes or additions to this certificate before work begins. Work that is not completed in accordance with this certificate may be subject to correction orders or citations. If you require technical assistance, please contact Historic Preservation staff as follows: Phone: (414) 286-5722 E-mail: [hpc@milwaukee.gov](mailto:hpc@milwaukee.gov).

**Permits and timeline**

You are responsible for determining if permits are required and obtaining them prior to commencing work. Consult the Development Center on the web or by telephone for details: [www.milwaukee.gov/lms](http://www.milwaukee.gov/lms) - (414) 286-8210. If permits are not required, work must be completed within one year of the date this certificate was issued. If permits are required, permits must be obtained within one year of the date this certificate was issued.



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Example rear entry lights. Any sort of globe fixture is acceptable, whether in traditional or contemporary styling.

