



# CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION FORM

Incomplete applications will not be processed for Commission review.

Please print legibly.

**1. HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY OR HISTORIC DISTRICT: (if known)**

Milwaukee Historic Bungalow District (Barkow House) - 2543 N. 47th St. Milwaukee 53210

**ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:**

2543 N. 47th St. Milwaukee WI 53210

**2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER:**

Name(s): Rodney Kenel & Bryan Kwapil

Address: 2543 N. 47th St.

City: Milwaukee

State: WI

ZIP: 53210

Email: RodKen53210@gmail.com

Telephone number (area code & number) Daytime: 317-509-5778

Evening: 317-509-5778

**3. APPLICANT, AGENT OR CONTRACTOR: (if different from owner)**

Name(s): Thoughtful Craftsman - Jake Meils

Address: 125 W Melvina

City: Milwaukee

State: WI

ZIP Code: 53212

Email: Jacob.Thoughtful.Craftman@gmail.com

Telephone number (area code & number) Daytime: 262.892.1990

Evening: x

**4. ATTACHMENTS: (Because projects can vary in size and scope, please call the HPC Office at 414-286-5712 or 414-286-5722 for submittal requirements)**

**A. REQUIRED FOR MAJOR PROJECTS:**

☒ Digital photographs of affected areas & all sides of the building

☐ Sketches and Elevation Drawings in PDF form. New construction, major storefront remodels, etc., must provide one set of D or E size drawings and sections

☒ Material and Design Specifications (please attach)

**B. NEW CONSTRUCTION ALSO REQUIRES:**

☐ Floor Plans (show fenestration and approximate wall locations, final floor plans are not required)

☐ Site Plan showing location of project and adjoining structures and fences

**PLEASE NOTE: YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM ARE PROPERLY COMPLETED.**

5. **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:**

Tell us what you want to do. Describe all proposed work including materials, design, and dimensions. Additional pages may be attached via email.

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6. **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (owner signature required for demolition):**

  
Signature

REDICOR BRYN KWARK  
Please print or type name

NOV 11 2025  
Date

This form and all supporting documentation MUST arrive by 4:00 pm (11:59 pm via email) on the deadline date established to be considered at the next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting. Any information not provided to staff in advance of the meeting will not be considered by the Commission during their deliberation. Please call if you have any questions and staff will assist you.

Email Form to: [hpc@milwaukee.gov](mailto:hpc@milwaukee.gov)

Historic Preservation Commission  
841 N. Broadway, Rm. B1  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

PHONE: (414) 286-5712 or 286-5722

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COA Application  
Kenel / Kwapil  
Description of Project

In September 2025 the property was struck by lightning causing major damage to the copper gutters and the destruction of the 98 year old concrete and asbestos shingles composing the entire roof.

The homeowners are committed to preserving the historic integrity of the property, with insurance agreeing to replace all gutters with copper to match the original profile. The original concrete and asbestos roof tiles are no longer an option however, working with contractors, the property owners have selected a roofing tile product that they feel best adheres to the look and overall ascetic of the original historic roof.

Home owners are proposing replacement of existing roof using Brava Old World Shingles. These shingles have been used on several historic restoration projects nationally and in Wisconsin. The nearest such project to Milwaukee is The Blind Horse Cellar at 674 Washington Ave, Cedarburg. Approved by Ozaukee County Historic Preservation on November 14, 2024. (See photo attachment)

Additional information:

Milwaukee: Historic Preservation Commission minutes /  
Legislator entries record in 2022: discussion of a proposal to use the Brava composite product and show staff/commission consideration and COA resolutions referencing composite/ Brava as acceptable in specific cases. (Milwaukee COA forms & minutes referencing Brava appear in the HPC file set.)

State / other Wi examples: Cedarburg (Walworth County area) Landmark Commission minutes explicitly show approval of Brava synthetic shingles.

Madison: multiple Historic District Board of Review minutes and COA application records show Brava synthetic cedar/shingle products were proposed and approved via Certificate of Appropriateness.