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David Griffin 2422 N Sherman Boulevard Milwaukee, WI 53210

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RE: ORD-21-13993

Dear Mr. Griffin:

It has come to our attention that you have painted the brick at your home on Sherman Boulevard. You should have already received the notice of violation from the Department of Neighborhood Services. Painting of masonry is prohibited under historic preservation regulations because it inherently harms the brick and is not part of the character of buildings on Sherman Boulevard.

I advise you to work with us promptly, as the removal of paint becomes more difficult the longer it stays on the building. You will be required to use chemical or laser methods to remove the paint from the building as abrasive methods of removing paint from historic buildings are prohibited under state law. Said state law has substantial fines associated with abrasive blasting of historic buildings.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to begin addressing this issue. The longer the paint is on the building, the more expensive it will be to remove (increased labor costs) and fines from the city will continue to accrue.

Respectfully,

Timothy B. Askin, Senior Planner

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