



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Tufts Administration Building, Suite 211, 167 Holland Street, Somerville MA 02144

DECISION

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 282-284 McGrath Highway
PERMIT NUMBER: HP26-000014
OWNER: Walter Tauro, Trustee of Brant Realty Trust
OWNER ADDRESS: PO Box 153, Somerville MA 02143
APPLICANT: Law Office of Michael LaRosa LLC on behalf Properties by JD LLC
APPLICANT ADDRESS: 2500 Main Street, Suite 107 Tewksbury MA 01876
DECISION: *Historically Significant*
DECISION DATE: June 2, 2026

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This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding the historic significance of the principal structure at 282-284 McGrath Highway.

LEGAL NOTICE

Determination of Historic Significance
282-284 McGrath Highway- HP26-000014
Applicant: Law Office of Michael La Rosa LLC- Michael LaRosa
Owner: Walter Tauro, Trustee of Brant Realty Trust

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of 75 years ago.

DETERMINATION

At their meeting on June 2, 2026, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted unanimously (5-0) that the principal structure located at 282-284 McGrath Hwy is Historically Significant in accordance with Section 7-28(e)(3)(a)(b) of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. The following finding applies:

a. Associated with one or more important historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the city or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The HPC voted (5-0) to adopt the following findings discussed during their deliberations. The Commission found that the principal structure is not of significant architectural note. The Commission found that the background of the building as a meeting place for Portuguese and Brazilian immigrants as well as the claim of the location being the first pizzeria in Somerville contributes to the social and cultural history of the City.

Therefore, the principal structure located at 282-284 McGrath Hwy will proceed for a future public hearing regarding whether or not it should be "Preferably Preserved".

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Eric Parkes, Chair

Robin Kelly, Vice-Chair
Ryan Falvey
Denise Price
DJ Chagnon, Alt.