



City of Somerville
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Tufts Administration Building, Suite 211, 167 Holland Street, Somerville MA 02144

DECISION

2026 AUG 3 P 12:39

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: **Not Preferably Preserved with Conditions**
DECISION DATE: August 3, 2026

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
SOMERVILLE, MA

This decision summarizes the findings made by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) regarding whether the principal structure at 282-284 McGrath Highway should not be Preferably Preserved.

LEGAL NOTICE

Determination of Preferably Preserved
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 July 21, 2026, sitting and present members were Chair Eric Parkes, Vice-Chair Robin Kelly, Member Denise Price and Alternate Member DJ Chagnon. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) voted [4-0] that the principal structure located at 282-284 McGrath Highway is **Not Preferably Preserved with Conditions** in accordance with *Section 7-28, subsection (f) (5) (c)* of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2020-22, as amended 12-08-2022. By making this determination, the HPC has deemed that the demolition of the building at 282-284 McGrath would not be detrimental to the architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social heritage of the city.

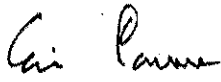
During their deliberations, the Commission found that though the principal building at 282-284 McGrath Highway does not have architectural style, features or other details that make this structure Preferably Preserved, the HPC founds that this location has a strong background at being social gathering space for immigrant communities, which contributed to the cultural history of this neighborhood and of Somerville.

Therefore, the principal structure located at 282-284 McGrath may not be demolished only after Planning Staff have signed off on the pre-demolition condition set forth by the Commission.

CONDITIONS

1. Some information and documentation from the staff report dated June 2, 2026, are incorporated into an interpretative signage approximately 12" x 18" subject to staff review, to be located on the new building.

Issued by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):



Eric Parkes, Chair

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