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## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS ERK'S OFFICE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT JOSEPH A. CURTATONE MAYOR

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 21, 2019

Landera Development, LLC 134 Mystic Avenue Medford, MA 02155

Sean T. O'Donovan, Esq. 741 Broadway Somerville, MA 02145

Re: Demolition of the c. 1874 wood-frame house at 96 Broadway, Somerville, MA

**Determined NOT Significant** 

Sirs,

On February 19, 2019 the Historic Preservation Commission determined that the *circa* 1874 wood-frame house at 96 Broadway is NOT 'Significant,' in accordance with Section 2.17.B of the Demolition Review Ordinance 2003-05. While the building is "at least 50 years old," it is not a significant building or structure after finding that the building or structure is neither:

- i. "Importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor
- ii. "Historically or architecturally significant (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a reputed architect or builder) either by itself or in the context of a group of buildings or structures, and therefore it is in the public interest to be preserved or rehabilitated rather than to be demolished."

While the wood-frame building constructed *circa* 1874, no particular associations with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic or social history of the City nor to events or persons of city-wide importance were found.

In accordance with Section 4.2.i of the Demolition Review Ordinance, "If the Commission determines that the building or structure is not a 'Significant' building or structure ... The Applicant will not be required to take any further steps and the permit may be granted by the Building Inspector."

Please contact (617) 625-6600 x 2534 if you have questions or need additional information regarding this determination.

Sincerely,

Kristenna P. Chase

Preservation Planner, Planning Division

Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning & Community Development

Cc: Paul Nonni, Sr. Building Inspector, Inspectional Services Division

Sarah A. Lewis, Director, Planning Division

John Long, City Clerk

Hans Jensen, Zoning Review Planner

