

November 24, 2020

Re: 1021 Harding Ave.

To The Rochester Hills City Council,

Please consider this letter my official request for the property located at 1021 Harding Ave, Rochester Hills, Michigan to be de-listed from the Rochester Hills Historic District. As you know the property suffered a catastrophic fire nearly 3 years ago. The extent of the damage from the fire is far beyond my means to repair.

Discussions with area builders, investors and realtors over the past 3 years have made it clear that the expense to repair the property far exceeds the value the property would have after repairs. And therefore no one will purchase the house with intent to repair.

Please consider this request at the next City Council Meeting on December 14, 2020. I am asking that City Council please consider de-listing this property itself without sending the request to the Historic District Commission so that this process may be expedited. I am aware that this request is unusual. However, due to the excessively high costs (to me) and time associated with the review process, this process will excessively delay the removal of the buildings, selling the property and returning the neighborhood to the condition it was pre-fire. The situation with the property has become quite urgent both financially for me as well as with The City of Rochester Hills.

As you are aware, this property has been in my family for decades and it has been the heart of our family. It is after significant thought and investigating into other options and with a heavy heart that I make this request.

Sincerely,



Bryant Paul Miller