APPEAL REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL

Delaware-Morrow
Mental Health & Recovery Services Board
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April 09, 2025

Delaware City Council
City Hall Annex
1 South Sandusky Street
Delaware, Ohio 43015

RE: HPC Case 2024-5583

Dear City Council Members,

On March 25th, 2025, the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board requested an appeal of the Historic Preservation Commission's February 26 denial of our application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for window decal signs at our agency offices on the upper floors of 40 North Sandusky Street. The grounds for our appeal are primarily based upon the need for the wayfinding for visitors to our Board office. We by necessity host multiple meetings each month, many attended by individuals who are not city or county residents. Some of our guests are traveling from other states. We currently average 90-100 visitors per month to our office in our latest review.

The navigation of Downtown Delaware with regard to parking for those less familiar with our city is unnecessarily complicated by the lack of signage indicating that the person has indeed located our offices. As our community engagement, advocacy and strategic partnerships are expanding, we hope that you will agree that it is necessary and in the best interest of the efficient statutory oversight of our behavioral health continuum to install window decals that are easily visible from the outside of the building. This will both improve the community's awareness of our Board's presence in our district and will increase our operational efficiency and that of our institutional partners with whom we work.

Thank you for your consideration of our appeal information.

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Cc: Steve Brown, Communications Director
Jeremiah Wagner, Board Chair
David Moser, Board Counsel