



Re: 7615 and 7617 Ridge Avenue

From Tim O'Brien <timobz@yahoo.com>

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To preservation <preservation@Phila.gov>

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On Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 6:53 AM, Tim O'Brien <timobz@yahoo.com> wrote:

I hope this email finds you well.

When I purchased the 7617 Ridge Avenue building in 2003, it was not historic. For me, i planned on using it as an investment property. The plan was to turn the first floor into a barbershop, and the second and third floor into an apartment. Which is what I did. When I retire I'd like to sell the property but deeming it historic will limit the number of buyers interested in buying my properties. I own 7615 ridge ave (next door) as well. I purchased that in 2013 and have been fixing it up ever since. I have improved both these properties in a classic traditional style. Which I myself like. But making these properties

historic will in fact limit the number of people interested in buying my properties. How do I know this? Because I talk to a lot of real estate investors and realtors all the time. They told me for sure they(and their prospective buyers) stay away from historic properties due to the restrictions and limitations. That is why I ask that you NOT move forward with my 2 properties on your list. Please take into consideration that this is part of my retirement plan. And my financial future is in your hands. Also keep in mind, that I'm a 47 year old barber with 4 children, so I don't plan on selling these properties anytime soon. Thank you for your consideration.

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