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To: [Jeremy Seley Trueline Construction](#)
Subject: 2nd time : Rebuilding our deck at 1109 Monroe Street, Oregon City, Oregon

To whom it may concern:

We purchased our lovely home in June of 2008 in the historic district of Oregon City. When we bought it was sided with cedar shakes and had the existing back partial wrap around deck. We were not even made aware that our home had gone on the City of Oregon City historic registry until after our purchase was made final. The city had it listed as being built by L. Garmine, a carpenter, in 1916, I believe. I was told to do some research on the Sanborn Maps to find its exact build date, which I did. On my own, I found it on the fire maps of 1900. It also appears to have been built by a non-professional. To date, I have not been able to find any original photos or drawings or plans of what our home looked like in the beginning. I have done some personal research on what a vernacular style home was. Basically it is a square or rectangular or L-shaped simple structure made with easily available local materials. The owners embellished these homes to their liking....some more ornate than others....some left plain. With that being said, the cedar shakes were applied probably in the 1960's and were still on the home when we purchased. We assumed we would need to maintain our home as it was sold to us. And that is what we are doing, trying to maintain the integrity of the structure, and its functionality. The existing deck is experiencing structural issues. We want to put a roof over the deck and have it built to mimic the gable style of the rest of the home. Two winters ago the metal gazebo and fabric roof collapsed under the weight of heavy snow, therefore we had to remove the gazebo from the deck. Last summer, without a roof or cover of any kind, the deck was not useable because of the unbearable heat. Without any form of shade, the heat made our home very much warmer than usual. Basically we are wanting to rebuild the deck into more of a sleeping porch of Victorian era to make functional more year round and keep our home cooler as well. We humbly ask that the Historic Review board consider and grant our request to rebuild the deck with a cover (roof). And just for reference, this deck is not visible from either the front of the home (Monroe Street) nor the side of the home (11th Street). Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
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