

**Madison Landmarks Commission**

Third Lake Ridge Historic District  
Criteria for the review of alterations  
Parcels zoned Residential

Address: 1301 Rutledge Street  
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Does the project meet the following guideline criteria?

(For the complete text of the criteria, please see Madison General Ordinances Sec. 33.01(11)(i), available on the web at [www.cityofmadison.com](http://www.cityofmadison.com))

Yes	<u>n.a.</u>	No	<u>        </u>	1.	Height.
Yes	<u>n.a.</u>	No	<u>        </u>	2.	Rhythm of solids and voids in street facade(s).
Yes	<u>X</u>	No	<u>        </u>	3.	Materials in street facade(s).
Yes	<u>n.a.</u>	No	<u>        </u>	4.	Roof design.
Yes	<u>X</u>	No	<u>        </u>	5.	Surface material, pattern and texture.
Yes	<u>        </u>	No	<u>X</u>	6.	Rhythm of building masses and spaces.
Yes	<u>n.a.</u>	No	<u>        </u>	7.	Landscape plan.
Yes	<u>n.a.</u>	No	<u>        </u>	8.	Retain proportion of door and window sizes in street facade(s).

Explanation:

The owners propose to install a deck on the front of their house adjoining the front porch. Once in a while the Landmarks Commission receives a request for a front deck and typically such request is denied. Unroofed decks on the front of houses are not a feature of the traditional architecture of Madison.

The deck is low enough that a railing is not required for code. If they wanted to build a low deck with no rail the deck would have less of a visual presence, particularly if they planted evergreens in front of it to mask it and to provide their deck some sense of enclosed space. I still believe that such a deck would not be compatible with the house or the neighborhood, but this might be an option the Commission may like to pursue.

I recommend denial.

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