



## PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT

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PREPARED FOR THE PLAN COMMISSION

**Legistar File ID #**        [66110](#), Staff Report on Historic Value of 507 Davidson St, Proposed for Demolition

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### **Background**

The project applicant for this project did not submit to the demolition listserv in time for the Landmarks Commission to provide its advisory recommendation on the historic value of the property prior to the Plan Commission's review of the proposed redevelopment.

While it has been our practice to have the Landmarks Commission provide the advisory recommendation, the code allows for a report from the Preservation Planner:

MGO 28.185(7)(a)(4): "The Plan Commission shall consider the report of the City's historic preservation planner regarding the historic value of the property as well as any report submitted by the Landmarks Commission."

So that the proposed redevelopment at 507 Davidson Street can move forward in a timely manner, the City's historic preservation planner is providing this report on the historic value of the property proposed for demolition.

### **Staff Recommendation**

The Minimal Traditional Cottage at 507 Davidson St was constructed in 1940, per the Assessor data. This building seems to be contemporaneous with the Mid-Twentieth Century development of this neighborhood. The building and site have had extensive changes over time. There is no site file with the Wisconsin Historical Society and no preservation file with the City of Madison. The structure has no known historic associations and does not appear to be architecturally significant. Staff recommends a finding of "No Known Historic Value."