

**Building Inspections - 227 York Street - temporary withdrawal of application**

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To the Review Team of 227 York Street:

The Owner of 227 York Street has decided to withdraw the current application for permitting of the project at 227 York Street as a mixed-use residential building with commercial space in the ground floor. We will be resubmitting the project as a fully residential, single-family building with a garage in the ground floor space in the very near future.

Each of you has been so helpful in reviewing our submitted project at 227 York Street, and I want to thank each of you for your advice both before and during the review process. Please understand that the decision to revise the building to 100% residential is based on the bid costs that have been received for the project while it has been under City review. It is quite clear from the bid costs that the overall project costs and complexity will be greatly reduced by eliminating the commercial use in the building.

I have had detailed discussion with both Ms. Bourke and Mr. DiPierro about whether or not it would be better to try to finalize the current permit application "as is" and then re-submit amended drawings, or to withdraw the project now before the permit is issued and then re-submit revised drawings. While it appears that either of those would be viable options, we are choosing to withdraw now and re-submit because of the site plan/curb cut issue which is very critical to a residential building with garage.

I sincerely regret any additional time that will be required on your part to review the revised drawings, but we will endeavor to make all of the changes very clear through "bubbling" the revisions to expedite your re-review. We are also hopeful, of course, that given your familiarity with the project and its basic issues, that the review process of the revised drawings will be somewhat expedited.

We ask here that the fees already paid to the City are either partially reimbursed, or "held" for the future revised application. Please advise on what is needed from us to make either of these fee options possible.

Many thanks again for all of your efforts, and please let me know if there is anything else we should submit at this time, prior to the revised drawings and application.

best regards,  
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