



**CITY OF VANCOUVER  
20.510 HERITAGE OVERLAY DISTRICT REVIEW APPLICATION**

The Heritage Overlay Districts are intended to preserve the special architectural character and/or historic or cultural significance of certain areas within the City. The following additional regulations are imposed in areas so designated in order to do the following:

- A. Compatibility - To ensure that new development is compatible in scale, character, and design with existing buildings and with the preservation of existing architectural characteristics of significant buildings in the area
- B. Preservation - To preserve and encourage the restoration of existing older buildings in their original architectural style
- C. Retention of unique character - To retain, conserve, and improve historical, cultural, and architectural environments attractive to residents and to visitors, thereby promoting the economic health of the City while retaining its unique historical and architectural feature.

Property Owner:	Providence Academy LLC	Telephone:	360.992.1800
<small>(Print or Type Name)</small>			
Mailing Address:	750 Anderson Street, Vancouver, WA 98661;	mike.true@thehistorictrust.org	
<small>(No., City, State, ZIP)</small>			
Applicant:	The Historic Trust	Telephone:	360.992.1800
<small>(Print or Type Name)</small>			
Mailing Address:	750 Anderson Street, Vancouver, WA 98661;	mike.true@thehistorictrust.org	
<small>(No., City, State, ZIP)</small>			
Relationship to Owner:	Owner of the Providence Academy, LLC		
Tax Assessor Serial Number(s):	39220000		
Legal description:	Lot(s)	Block(s)	Plat name
(If a Metes and Bounds description, check here) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and attach narrative to this application.)			
Site Address (if any):	400 E Evergreen Bld, Vancouver, WA, 98660		
Architect	Studio 3 Architecture, c/o Gene Bolante	Telephone:	503.390.6500
Contractor	Marathon Construction Services, LLC c/o Aaron Wigod	Telephone:	503.582.8442

**Type of Work (Check All That Apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alterations/Additions | <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demolition | <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation       |

Signature of Applicant:  Date: 06/21/2018

I certify by my signature below that the information in this application is accurate and complete.

## **Demolition Request**

### **El Presidente Restaurant Building on the Providence Academy Site**

#### **Request**

The Owner requests land use approval to demolish the El Presidente Restaurant building on the Providence Academy site at 400 East Evergreen Boulevard. The Owner will restore the landscaping in front of the Academy Building where the El Presidente Restaurant is now located following demolition. The Providence Academy building (“Academy”) is the historically-significant resource on this site that should be preserved.

The reasons for demolition of the restaurant building include:

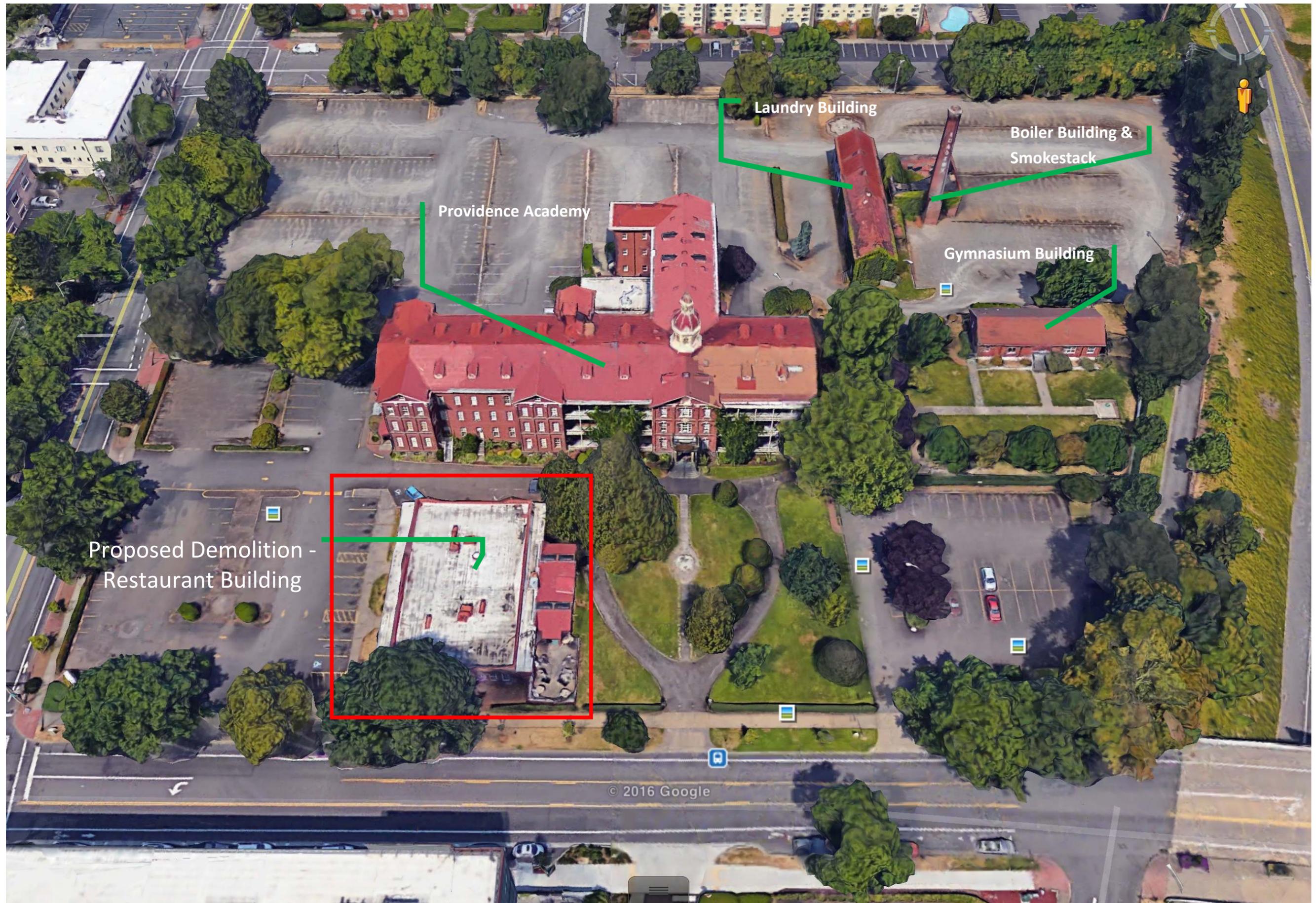
- The building was constructed in 1976 and does not contribute to the historic significance of the Providence Academy site.
- The building was constructed in an unfortunate location that obstructs the view of the Academy Building and detracts from the significance, beauty, and public enjoyment of the Academy Building.
- The removal of this building and the restoration of the landscape restores the view and increases the integrity and historic value of the Academy Building.

#### **Historic Context**

The El Presidente Restaurant Building is located on the Providence Academy site at 400 East Evergreen Boulevard. Begun in 1873, the complex was built to serve as a boarding school, orphanage, and headquarters for the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence. The main building was designed and constructed by Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart. It is widely regarded as her most outstanding architectural achievement.

The Academy grounds originally included numerous outbuildings. A historic site plan showed a total of fourteen at one point. Today, the historic outbuildings include the Laundry Building (c. 1873), Boiler Building and Boiler Smokestack (c. 1910), and the Gymnasium (c. 1930). The restaurant is non-historic and was built in 1976.

The restaurant is located directly in front of the Academy Building’s west wing. Part of the building uses Hidden brick and fenestration similar to the Academy in an effort to be sympathetic to the Academy Building. The east side of the restaurant includes a solarium-type extension that is not compatible and detracts from the historic nature of the grounds.



Providence Academy Site



Providence Academy—Historic photo without restaurant



Providence Academy—Existing condition with El Presidente Restaurant



Google Earth view of El Presidente Restaurant in front of Providence Academy



El Presidente Restaurant in front of Providence Academy's west wing