



## CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Policy Limiting Validity of Permits

It is the policy of this Commission that determinations or findings of the Commission upon which certificates are granted with respect to any Historic District, Neighborhood Conservation District, or Landmark designated under Chapter 2.78 of the Municipal Code, or with respect to the demolition of any other structure more than fifty years old in the city, which is the subject of Chapter 2.78, Article II, should be reviewed *de novo* if the work authorized by such certificate is not commenced within six months of the date of such certificate, if the work authorized by such certificate is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after the time the work is commenced, or if demolition has not been substantially concluded within six months following either (a) the determination that a structure is not a preferably preserved significant structure or (b) the expiration of the demolition delay period with respect to the structure provided for in Paragraphs E and H of Section 2.78.090 (as the case may be);

In implementation of this policy, each certificate granted by this Commission shall, unless specifically determined by the Commission to the contrary with respect to any certificate, be on the condition, which shall be stated therein, that if the work authorized by such certificate is not commenced within six months after the date of issuance of such certificate or if such work is suspended in significant part for a period of one year after the time the work is commenced, such certificate shall expire and be of no further effect; provided that, for cause, one or more extensions of time for periods not exceeding six months each may be allowed in writing by the Chair;

This policy is to be communicated to the Building Commissioner with the request that any demolition permit with respect to any structure as to which any determination by this Commission (or its staff) has been required pursuant to Chapter 2.78, Article II be on the condition that the demolition of such structure be undertaken within a period of six months of the date of the determination that such structure is not a preferably preserved significant structure or within a period of six months of the date of the expiration of any waiting period pursuant to Article II unless the Chair shall have, for cause, granted in writing one or more extensions of time for periods not exceeding six months each during which the building may be demolished without a *de novo* review.

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