

03. Description of Existing Structure

—The house is Queen Anne with a tall hipped main roof and lower cross-gables. It is topped by attic dormers, an historic chimney, and a wide range of ornamental elements including, columns, rails, stairs, ornate entry doors, and stained glass.

—The property has been substantially modified over the years including a reconfiguration of the north and east facades, a change in window designs, the addition of a new corner turret, the reconfiguration of the wrap-around porch, the addition (and later enclosure) of other porch areas, and original slate roof (later changed to asphalt shingle), and a mix of clapboard and cedar shingle cladding.

—It bears noting the prior to the lot size being reduced, the highly ornamented west elevation was prominently visible to visitors entering Ocean Grove along Main Avenue.

— A deep front porch extends across the front (north) façade, encircles the octagonal tower, and continues along the east elevation, terminating at the cutaway bay projection at the east. Note: A portion of this porch was previously enclosed and conditioned and represents an existing non-conformity.

— Brick stairs (non-conforming) at the front are surmounted by a pediment supported by four columns. The pediment end is ornamented with bas-relief of a shield with ribbons flanked by acanthus leaves and scrolls. This bas relief appears to be made of plaster and horsehair. It has deteriorated almost to the point of disappearing.

— Brick planters (non-conforming) flank the front stair leading up to the porch.

— At the west elevation a two-story rectangular projection (enclosing an internal stair) is topped by a bay dormer on the roof above. Original windows with diamond-shaped muntins appear in this projection at Level 1 and Level 3. These diamond windows have clear textured with bright green textured glass border pieces.

— A single story bay appears in the middle of the house on the west elevation.

— At two-story cutaway bay surmounted by a gable/pediment appears in the middle of the house on the east elevation.

— This cutaway bay includes a bas-relief frieze of ribbons and swags. This bas relieve has deteriorated almost to the point of disappearing.

— Within the gable of the east bay, is a Palladian window flanked by rectangular hopper windows with Georgian (i.e., checkerboard) muntins.

- Level 3 contains three dormers one each at the west, north, and south, each in cedar shingles.
- A historic, flared brick chimney is located in the center of the house.
- A one-story, two-car concrete and steel garage built prior to 1930, is attached at the rear with a legal two-car-wide curb-cut.
- Once clad in vinyl, the building has been stripped of all non-conforming cladding on the west, north, and east elevations.
- The property is surrounded on three sides by a wide concrete sidewalk. The original grassy strip (or verge strip) was paved over by a previous homeowner.



The property was once covered in beige vinyl siding. All such siding has been removed from the east, west, and north elevations. The south elevation is not included in this application and will be part of a later application, along with the garage.