



City of New Bedford

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

133 William Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

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JONATHAN F. MITCHELL

MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: New Bedford City Council

FROM: Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

DATE: November 5, 2018

RE: BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW
248 Purchase St (Map 37 Lot 168)
Circa 1881, one storey, wood framed storefront

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In accordance with the requirements of the New Bedford City Code, Article XI, Section 2-157 Demolition of Buildings, the Preservation Planner, designated to act on behalf of the New Bedford Historical Commission, has examined the structure located at the above-captioned site in order to determine its historical significance and whether it is in the public interest to preserve such structure.

Having reviewed the application for demolition I offer the following findings and recommendation in this matter to the New Bedford City Council:

- The structure is not located in a National Register Historic District.
- The structure has historic significance due to its association with the growth of neighborhoods in response to burgeoning textile industry in the late 19th century.
- The structure is in poor condition due to extensive deferred maintenance and there is no practical end-use for the building due to its location.
- Restoration or preservation efforts would be impractical due to the existing condition of the structure.

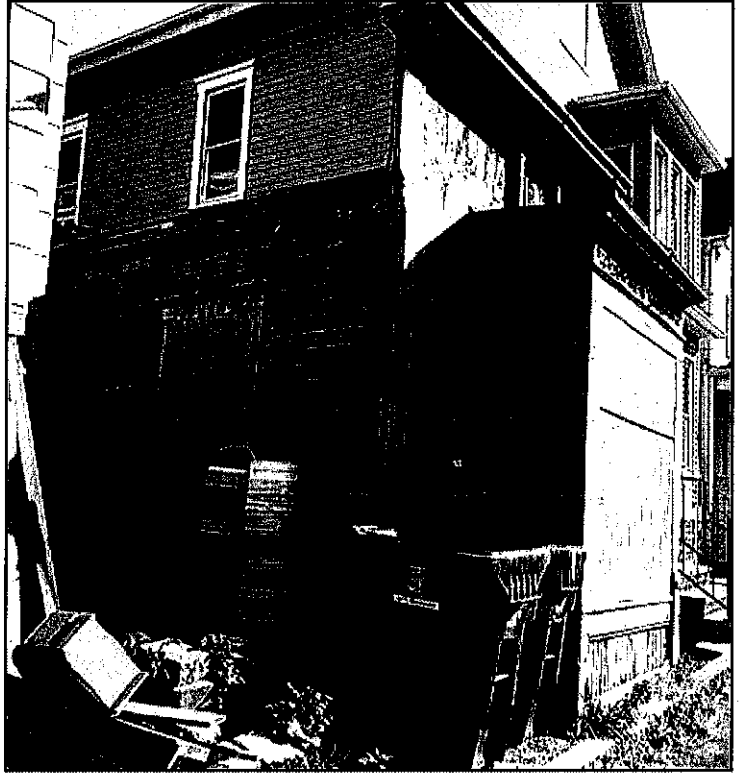
In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the structure at 248 Purchase Street is neither Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Structure.

cc: 248-252 Purchase Street Nominee Trust, Property Owner
Department of Inspectional Services
Mayor's Office
Councilor Dana Rebeiro
New Bedford Historical Commission

248 Purchase Street Demolition Request



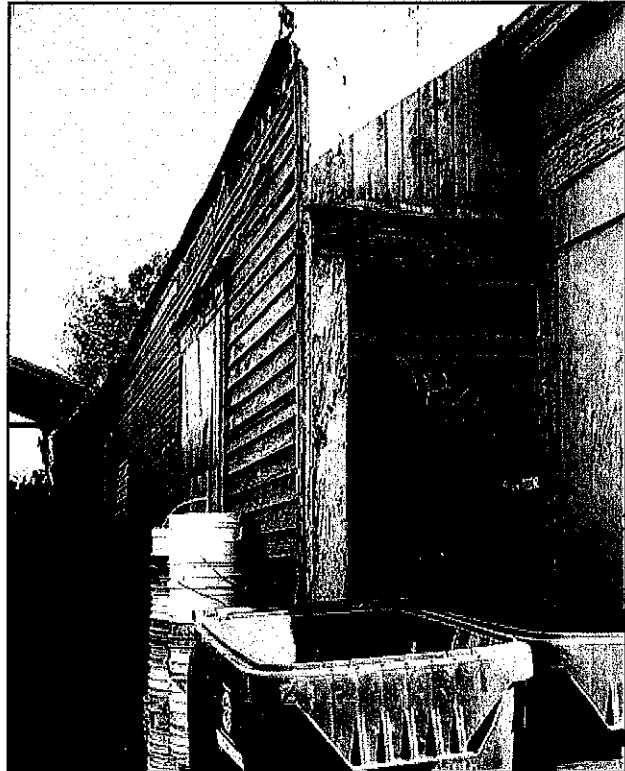
Northeast View



Southeast View



Detail of building lean towards adjacent structure.



Detail of poor building condition.