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### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** New Bedford City Council

**FROM:** Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

**DATE:** October 29, 2019

**RE:** **BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW**  
**314 Church Street (MAP 113, Lot 68)**  
**Circa 1940, one-story concrete block, commercial type structure**

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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 is of no notable historic significance either recorded or found with the existing condition of the structure.
- In accordance with *New Bedford City Code, Article XI, Section Sec. 2-157.3. (q) - Procedures for Review and Approval of Demolition Permits*, prior to the issuance of a demolition permit, all approvals necessary for the future use and development of the site, including without limitation, any necessary zoning variances or special permits, must be granted, and all appeals from the granting of such approvals must be concluded.

**In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the commercial structure at 314 Church Street is neither a Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Structure.**

cc: W Needle LLC, Property Owner  
Nicholas Gomes, Esq., Owner's Agent  
Department of Inspectional Services  
Mayor's Office  
Councilor Maria Giesta  
New Bedford Historical Commission



**314 Church Street**



**314 Church Street Site Context**



Building Demolition Request



Associated Properties