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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** New Bedford City Council

**FROM:** Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

**DATE:** May 5, 2021

**RE:** **BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW**  
**18 Washburn Street (MAP 85, Lot 217)**  
**Circa 1893, wood framed, three-family residence.**

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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 suffered from a fire in November 2020, resulting in the building being structurally compromised and beyond feasible rehabilitation.

**In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the building at 18 Washburn Street is neither a Historically Significant nor a Preferably Preserved Building.**

cc: Maria and Carlos Carvalho, Owners  
New Brother Builders, LLC, Applicant  
Department of Inspectional Services  
Mayor's Office  
Councilor Hugh Dunn  
New Bedford Historical Commission