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City of Bexley Building Department
2242 E. Main St.,
Bexley OH. 43209

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Re: 317 S. Drexel Ave.
Bexley, OH 43209

Members of Bexley Architectural Review Board,

Please consider this letter as my professional opinion on the architectural significance of the existing home at the address indicated above.

The home was built in 1941 in a style commonly referred to as "French Eclectic" (1). As the name suggests, the style was an amalgam of bits and pieces of other, more "pure" French styles. The style exhibits wide variation in form, detail, and material.

This home is primarily clad in stucco, with the front (street facing) elevation also incorporating Ohio Limestone veneer along the first floor. The symmetrical front elevation, centered front door, stone entry surround, and simple louvered shutters are features common to homes in many styles of this era, including French Eclectic.

There appear to be no unique or architecturally significant features of this particular home, including the simple massing and roof form, which are common features of early 20th-Century homes in Bexley and countless inner-ring suburbs throughout America.

Based on my knowledge and experience with traditional home design and construction, it is my professional opinion that the existing home at 317 S. Drexel Avenue is not architecturally significant.

A new home to replace this one should have a size, scale, and massing consistent with other homes on South Drexel Avenue. The wide variety of home styles on this street and throughout Bexley provide a high-quality library of vernaculars to choose from.

Respectfully,



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(1) McAlester, Virginia and Lee, *A Field Guide to American Houses*