

**ADDRESS: 926 SPRUCE ST**

Proposal: Install automobile parking lift

Review Requested: Review In Concept

Owner: Steven J. Glass and Richard Price

Applicant: Steven Glass

History: 1831; Portico Row - Wirts House

Individual Designation: 5/27/1958

District Designation: Washington Square West Historic District, Significant, 9/13/2024

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**OVERVIEW:** This in-concept application proposes to install a car lift for additional parking in the rear yard of 926 Spruce Street. The installation will not alter the appearance of the front of the house on Portico Row. The car lift will not be attached to the rear section of the building. The rear yard faces the 900 block of Cypress Street. The street functions as an alley. No front facades face the 900 block of Cypress Street. An 11' tall garage-style door extends across the rear of the property. The car lift will not be visible from Cypress Street when it is not supporting cars because the posts of the lift are 8'4" in height. If on the lift, they will likely be visible to some extent above the garage door.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

- Construct a car lift with the capacity to support two cars.

**STANDARDS FOR REVIEW:**

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines include:

- *Standard 2: The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.*
  - The proposal will not alter the historic building at 926 Spruce Street.
- *Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.*
  - The work will not harm historic materials. The appearance of cars on the lift may be visually discordant but this impact is mitigated by the lack of character-defining features on the properties facing the 900 block of Cypress Street.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval in concept, pursuant to Standards 2 and 9.

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I am seeking approval to have a 2 car lift placed on the rear concrete pad at 926 Spruce Street that opens to Cypress Street. This lift will give the potential to park 4 cars off-street rather than the 2 car parking currently available. Use would mainly be when I have visitors to my home. I will address several points below:

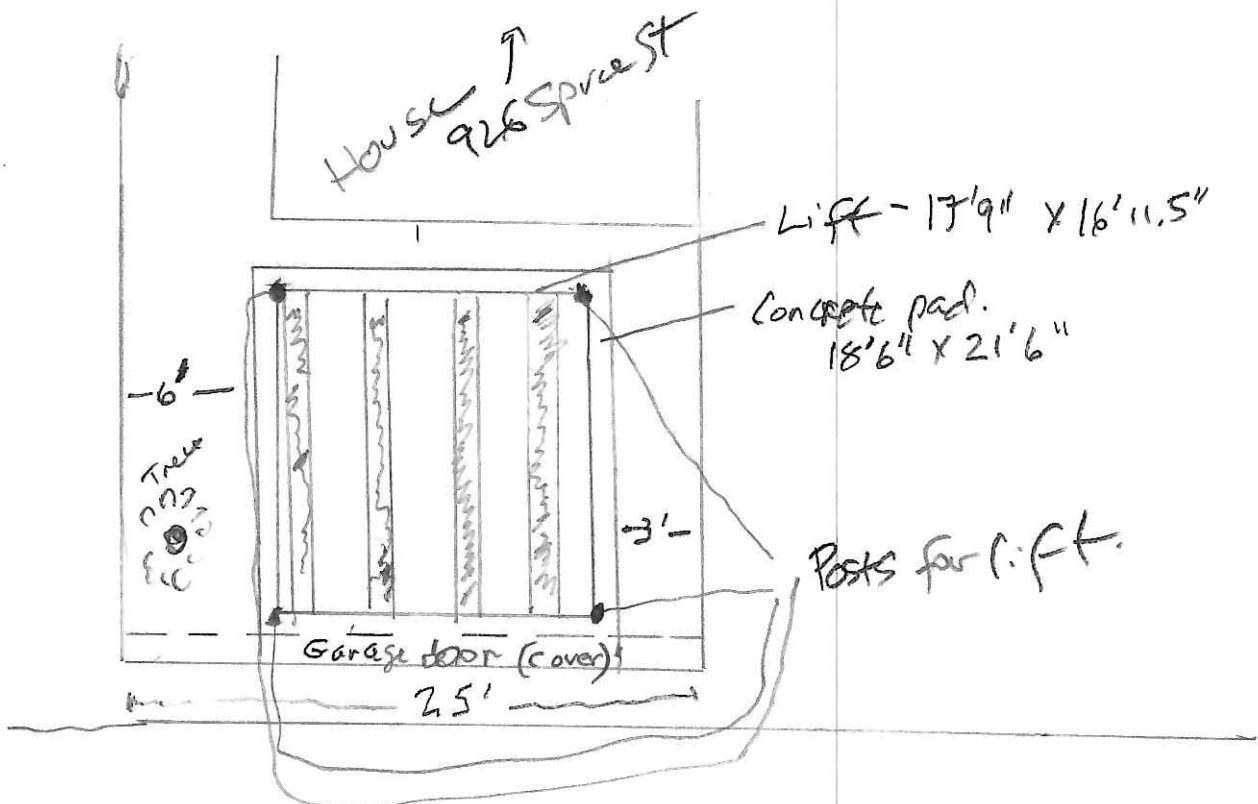
The lift will require no modification of the building, (roll-up)garage door, concrete pad or electric supply. The lift is 17'9" wide and less than 17' long; the 8" thick concrete pad is 18'6" wide and 21'6" long. There is approximately 5' from the Spruce St side of the lift to the house structure. The lift does not require being secured to the concrete, thereby making it removable without damage to the concrete pad in the future. The lift is 110 volt as is the electric supply to the Cypress Street side of the house. The housing for the garage door is 11' tall from the concrete pad while the vertical posts of the lift are 8'4" tall; hence they would not be visible from the street.

As the vertical posts are height limiting for the lift, the maximum height of the rails that hold the cars is slightly less than that. As my vehicles are less than 6' in height, the vehicle being raised would be a maximum of 14' from the ground to the top of the raised vehicle, thereby putting at most a few feet (roof and windows) of the raised vehicle visible above the garage door housing when door is closed; this would likely not be visible from Cypress Street because of the angle of view.

Cypress Street is a 'non-residential' street, meaning that it does not have homes that 'front' onto it. There are garage structures, eg 928 Spruce, garage doors similar to mine, on both sides of the street and some 'open' parking where cars are visible from the street.

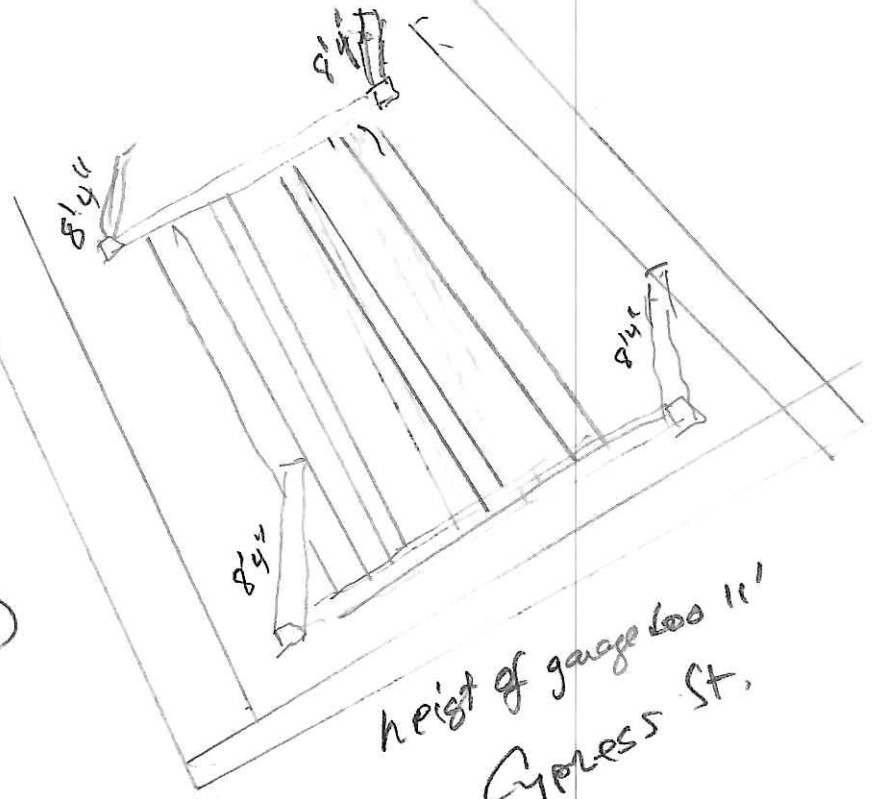
Thank you for your consideration of this project. I believe that it will not be intrusive to the important historic elements of my home and will potentially reduce the on-street parking strain of my guests.

Steven J. Glass, MD  
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Cypress Street.

house  
226 Spruce St.



height of garage 600 11"  
Cypress St.

Not to scale  
4 posts sit on  
concrete 8 1/4" tall  
Approx max height  
of rails (7 1/6")  
(Rails hold vehicle)

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11'

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CYPRESS STREET

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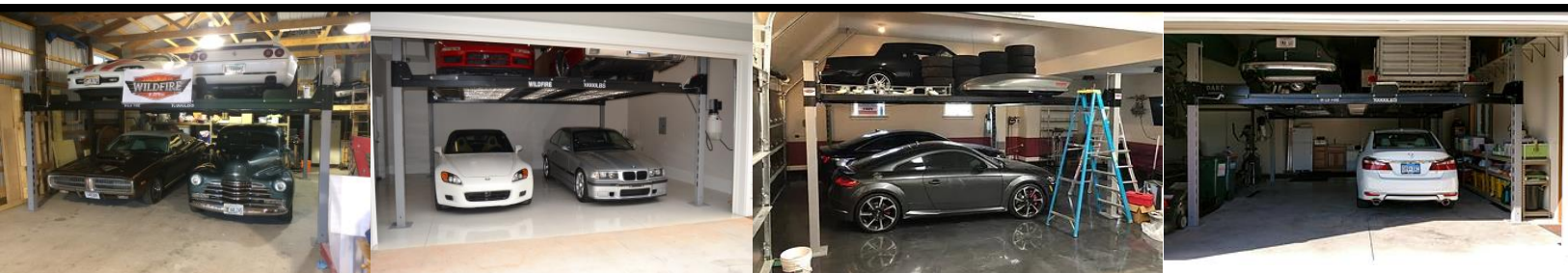
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### Specifications:

- 10,000-lb. maximum lifting capacity
- 6' 9" maximum clearance on top locks
- Freestanding design requires no bolting down
- Perfect for parking, storage and service
- Runway widths accommodate most all vehicles
- Ship weight 3,880lbs



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# Specifications

Lifting Capacity	10,000lbs
Voltage	110V
A – Min. Runway Height	7"
B – Max Clearance On Top Locks	81" (6' 9")
C – Overall Width	213" (17' 9")
D – Max Width Outside Posts	206" (17' 2")
E – Overall Length	203.5" (16' 11.5")
F – Max Length Outside Posts	196.5" (16' 4.5")
G – Height Of Posts	100" (8' 4")
H – Width Between Posts	196" (16' 4")
I – Drive Thru Clearance (top)	192" (16')
J - Drive Thru Clearance (bottom)	196" (16' 4")
K – Runway Width	19"
L – Length of Runways	190" (15' 10")
M – Width Between Runways	38"
N – Outside Runway to Outside Runway	76"
O – Width Between Inside Runways	18"
Locking Positions	14
Lock Spacing	5 ¼"
Time To Full Rise	90 Seconds
Motor	3HP 110V
Shipping Weight	3880lbs
Shipping Dimensions	205"L x 22"W x 54"T



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