

# Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

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The Old Post Office Building  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, #809  
Washington, DC 20004

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## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has determined that the renovation of and addition to Building 15 will have an adverse effect upon the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Montrose, New York, a property eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the New York State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) pursuant to the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f),

NOW, THEREFORE, the VA, the New York SHPO, and the Council agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into the account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

### Stipulations

The VA will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

1. Design plans and specifications for the renovation of and addition to Building 15 will be developed in consultation with the New York SHPO in a manner to achieve the following objectives.

a. New construction will be compatible with the historic and architectural qualities of the Montrose Medical Center in terms of color, texture, and detailing, and responsive to the recommended approaches for new construction set forth in The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

b. A landscape plan will visually screen the new construction from the surrounding historic resources.

c. The chiller to be located on the roof of the appropriate addition will be blocked from view through use of an architectural screen.

2. Upon completion, final plans and specifications for the project will be provided to the New York SHPO for review and comment. Should the New York SHPO object within 15 days to any

aspect of the plans and specifications, the VA shall consult with the New York SHPO to resolve the objection. If the VA determines that the objection cannot be resolved, the VA shall forward all documentation relevant to the dispute to the Council. Within 30 days after receipt of all pertinent documentation, the Council will provide the VA with recommendations, which the VA will take into account in reaching a final decision regarding the dispute.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement and carrying out its terms evidences that the VA has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the renovation of and the addition to Building 15 and its effects on historic properties, and that the VA has taken into account the effects of the project on historic properties.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Executive Director

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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NEW YORK STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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