The Detroit Historic District Commission ("Commission") realizes that safety and energy concerns results in the desire to install glass block in basement window openings. While this treatment is not recommended, it may be acceptable provided certain conditions are met.

The installation of glass block in historic districts is work that is regulated by the City of Detroit's Historic District Ordinance No. 161-H. Any proposal for the installation of glass block in a historic district shall meet the following applicable conditions:

- A. The glass block shall be located at the same plane as the existing historic window, set back from the face of the building wall.
- B. The glass block shall be covered with the historic screen placed back in the window or with a new screen.
- C. Glass block will only be permitted in basement window openings.
- D. Openings with glass block that are on the front or visible from a side street shall be screened with foundation plantings that cover the windows.
- E. All glass block installations require a permit and Commission approval
- F. See the drawing below for more information.

