

Docket Item #9
BAR CASE #2005-0144

BAR Meeting
July 6, 2005

ISSUE: Signs and awnings
APPLICANT: Firehook Bakery
LOCATION: 430 South Washington Street
ZONE: CD/Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the signs and awnings as submitted.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a awnings and signs at the restaurant at 430 South Washington Street. A total of five signs and three awnings are proposed. The signs will be 11' high black lettering and painted on the sign band above the existing windows on the front and south side of the building as well as above the entrance. The awning will be 2'6" in width and span the width of the windows and will have metal frames with maroon Sunbrella covering. There will be no signage on the awnings. The name of the restaurant, "Firehook," will be installed over the entrance and will be 15" in height and 8' in width. At the northernmost window there will be an awning with the word "Bread" on the signband. At the next window to the south the word "Pastry" will be on the signband. At the window immediately to the south of the entrance there will be an awning with the word "Coffee" on the signband. On the window on the south side of the building there will be an awning with the word "Lunch" on the signband.

II. HISTORY:

430 South Washington Street is the former site of Shuman's Bakery and is a former automobile service station dating from the middle of the 20th century.

III. ANALYSIS:

Proposed wall signs comply with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objection to the proposed new awnings and signs which meet the recommendations of the *Design Guidelines* and which further redefine the use of the building from automobile services to a restaurant.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the signs and awnings as submitted.

CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

Code Enforcement:

- C-1 Awnings must comply with all applicable requirements of USBC 3105 and 3202. Retractable and fixed awnings must have a minimum 7 foot clearance from a sidewalk to the lowest part of the framework or any fixed portion of any retractable awning is required.
- C-2 Fixed awnings must be designed and constructed to withstand wind or other lateral loads and live loads required by the USBC. Structural members must be protected to prevent deterioration (USBC 3105.2).
- C-3 Construction permits are required for the proposed project.

Historic Alexandria:

No comment.