

Docket Item #7
BAR CASE #2005-0162

BAR Meeting
July 20, 2005

ISSUE: Awning & signage

APPLICANT: Viet Grill

LOCATION: 907 King Street

ZONE: CD/Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new awning for the Viet Grill Restaurant at 907 King Street. The charcoal gray colored awning measures 5' in length, 4' in width by 3'10" in height and will use Sunbrella Firesist fabric. The name "Viet Grill" is proposed in 9" white colored lettering on the 1' tall valance. The awning will be located above the restaurant entrance, at the eastern corner of the building.

II. HISTORY:

907 King Street is three story, four bay brick building. It was originally constructed as a two story building by Benjamin Baden ca. 1805 according to Ethelyn Cox in *Alexandria Street by Street* (p.71). The current storefront and a third floor addition for the rear of the building were approved by the Board on October 19, 1983 (BAR Case #83-3). The storefront was revised and another doorway approved June 10, 1987 (BAR Case #87-96). In 1996, the Board approved a hanging sign above the doorway on the west side of the building for an upper-floor tenant. (BAR Case #96-195, 9/4/96). Recently, the Board approved a hanging sign for the upper-floor tenant, O'Keeffe & Company (BAR Case #2005-0121, 6/15/05).

III. ANALYSIS:

Per Sanborn maps, the subject building has a building width of approximately 30 feet. Therefore the maximum signage allowed is 30 square feet. The proposed awning with signage complies with zoning ordinance requirements.

Staff has no objections to the design of the awning. The awning is designed to cover just the entrance to the restaurant. The design is consistent with awnings approved by the Board throughout the district.

The proposed awning meets the recommendations of the *Design Guidelines* and is appropriate.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Therefore, Staff recommends approval of the application 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.
- 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 A construction permit is required for the proposed project.

Historic Alexandria:

“No comment”