

Docket Item # 3
BAR CASE #2008-0155

BAR Meeting
October 1, 2008

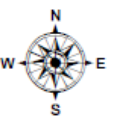
ISSUE: Sign
APPLICANT: Houseworks
LOCATION: 421 South Washington Street
ZONE: CL Commercial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.



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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a 30" by 30" MDO hanging sign reading "HOUSE WORKS INTERIORS". The proposed sign will be double-faced and mounted to the building face using an existing 36" black scroll bracket that was previously approved by the board and is attached to the wall with 1/4" lag bolts with anchors. The proposed sign will be painted blue with white lettering. The applicant is also requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for white, reverse cut address lettering which would be applied to the glass transom above the front door. The proposed lettering would read "412 S. Washington St." and be a total of 6" tall and 16" wide.

II. HISTORY:

The row of buildings at 419 through 425 South Washington Street was built circa 1880 according to the tax assessment records. These brick rowhouses feature typical Victorian characteristics including projecting bays, arched lintels, and decorative brick corbeling at the cornice level.

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed sign complies with the zoning ordinance requirement.

Staff's opinion is that the proposed design and size of the sign are appropriate in this location. Staff believes that the proposed sign meets the recommendations of the *Design Guidelines*.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

V. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

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

Code Enforcement:

F-1 The applicant shall obtain a sign permit for the proposed sign and/ or wall lettering.

C-1 Projecting, hanging signs must comply with USBC [H103-H107, H112] for type of materials, maximum projection, vertical clearance below all parts of the sign, and additional loads.

Office of Historic Alexandria:


R – Approve.

V. IMAGES

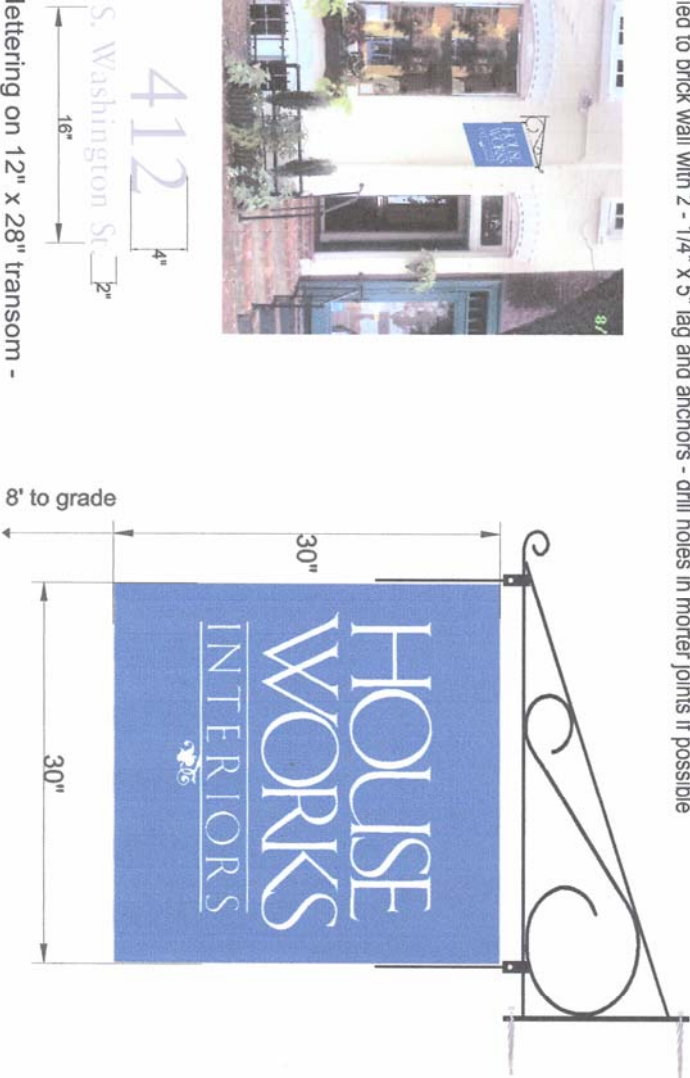
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Primary ID sign for Interior Design Studio - 1 - 30" x 30" x 1/2" MDO painted wood sign
Double faced - Background: Dark Blue - Graphics: Off White
Mount sign to 36" Iron Scroll Bracket with zinc hardware and painted 1/8" steel brackets to edges of sign
Bracket installed to brick wall with 2 - 1/4" x 5" lag and anchors - drill holes in mortar joints if possible



Addressing on 12" x 28" transom - white reverse cut applied to back of glass



8' to grade

30"

30"

30"

BUILDING FRONTAGE 16'

Figure 1 Proposed Sign