

Docket Item # 5
BAR CASE # 2008-0227

BAR Meeting
December 17, 2008

ISSUE: Signage / Awning Installation
APPLICANT: JT Biz LLC (Robert Blumel, Agent)
LOCATION: 719 King Street
ZONE: KR / King Street Urban Retail Zone

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness with the following condition:

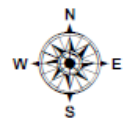
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I. ISSUE:

The applicant is requesting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness to install a new, shed style, awning on the commercial building located at 719 King Street. The proposed, 36” high x 19’3” wide x 24” deep, awning will be fabricated of a steel frame, wrapped with Sunbrella fabric. The proposed color scheme for the sign is a yellow background, with red lettering identifying the store’s name “Raw Silk”.

The Applicant proposes to mount the awning in the existing holes left by the previous awning frame located above the existing first floor fenestrations, 8’ above-grade as measured from the bottom of the awning to sidewalk.

II. HISTORY:

The subject business located at 719 King Street is housed in a building which was constructed in the early nineteenth century, but substantially altered with its current Beaux Arts facade and storefront by local architect W. Leon Clark in 1920.

Previous Approvals:

The Board has approved a number of alterations to the building including new signage for the former Tandoor restaurant and a new awning and signage for the law offices on the upper floors in 1997 (BAR Case #97-0054, 4/2/97).

In 1998, the BAR approved an awning of burgundy “Sunbrella” material over a metal frame for the previous restaurant establishment, the “TAJ PALACE” (BAR Case #2008-0100).

III. ANALYSIS:

The subject awning complies with the zoning ordinance requirements.

719 King Street is proposing to continue its commercial use, with this new restaurant tenant. The proposed awning measures 36” high x 19’3” wide x 24” deep, and fabricated from a metal frame sheathed with Sunbrella fabric. These specifications match the previously approved awning in massing, size, design and materials. Additionally, the new framing will be mounted to the building by utilizing bolts within existing holes in the mortar joints, which will be left once the existing awning’s deteriorated structure is removed. Finally, the proposed awning does not detract from the current Beaux Arts style of the building and is similar to canopies installed on other establishments

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within the historic district. As such, the proposed awning will continue to meet the criteria established for awnings in the *Design Guidelines*.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness with the following condition:

The awning will be professionally washed a minimum of once a year to ensure that it remains clean and free of significant dirt.

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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 Awnings must comply with all applicable requirements of USBC 3105.3 and 3202.3.1. 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. Retractable awnings must be securely fastened to the building and can not extend closer than 24 inches in from the curb line (USBC 3202.3.1).
- 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 3105.3).

Historic Alexandria:

- R-1 Approve.

Existing



Proposed

