

Docket Item # 6
BAR CASE #2008-0228

BAR Meeting
December 17, 2008

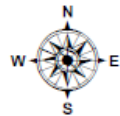
ISSUE: Signage / Awning Installation
APPLICANT: John Jarecki (Robert Blumel, Agent)
LOCATION: 715 King Street
ZONE: KR / King Street Urban Retail Zone

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval as submitted.



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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 715 King Street. The proposed, 3' high x 13' wide x 2' deep, awning will be fabricated of a steel frame, wrapped with Sunbrella fabric. The proposed color scheme for the sign is a black background, with white lettering identifying the store's name "The Light Horse" and a white and turquoise logo on the awning's end caps.

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

II. HISTORY:

The restaurant at 715 King Street is housed within an early nineteenth century building, altered several times throughout the twentieth century. An example the building's alterations is documented in the September 1974 BAR Minutes, whereby the BAR approved the removal of blue sheet metal from the façade of the building, which was most likely applied during the City's Art Deco period.

Documentation of Previous Approvals:

July 6, 1983: Sign approval.

March 16, 1977: Renovations to storefront.

III. ANALYSIS:

The subject awning complies with the zoning ordinance requirements.

According to the *Design Guidelines*, "Shed or sloped awnings are more appropriate than other awning forms in the historic districts"; "Awnings should be made of a canvas type fabric"; "Awnings should not overwhelm or obscure the architecture and decorative features of historic buildings". The proposed awning is consistent with the Design Guidelines as it does not detract from the architectural style of the building and it is similar to other awnings installed on similar establishments within the historic district.

The applicant is proposing to mount the awning to the building by utilizing bolts installed into the existing holes in the masonry façade.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness 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 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 form 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



Detail of the Replacement-in-Kind Awning Structure

