

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RE: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE 1961, JUNE 13, P.L. 282 (53 SECTION 8004) AND BETHLEHEM ORDINANCE NO. 3952 AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, it is requested to strike the condition of Resolution 2020-168 that the box signs cannot be internally illuminated at 4 West Fourth Street (La Lupita).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that a Certificate of Appropriateness is hereby granted for the proposal.

Sponsored by: (s) _____

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ADOPTED BY COUNCIL THIS DAY OF

(s) _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

(s) _____

City Clerk

HISTORIC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CASE #733 -- It is requested to strike the condition of Resolution 2020-168 that the box signs cannot be internally illuminated at 4 West Fourth Street (La Lupita).

OWNER / APPLICANT: Frederick Rooney / Frederick Rooney

The Commission upon motion by Mr. Roeder and seconded by Ms. Starbuck adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed work as presented, with modifications described herein:

1. The request to strike the condition of Resolution 2020-168 that existing box signs with approved replacement sign panels can no longer be internally illuminated was presented by Frederick Rooney.
2. Approval to strike the original condition that existing box signs cannot be internally illuminated is contingent upon the following:
 - a. exemption from the requirement to remove existing inappropriate box signs (refer to Guidelines for Signage) is granted in response to the current health and economic crisis; **note:** “grandfathering” inappropriate signage is not typically taken into consideration when assessing Certificate of Appropriateness Applications
 - b. approved replacement sign faces represent a significant design improvement to existing signage; new sign faces will have dark backgrounds so the resulting brightness will be reduced in comparison to the existing situation
 - c. current recommendations cannot be referenced by future Applicants as precedent for similar inappropriate, internally-illuminated box signs
 - d. internal illumination of inappropriate box signs is limited to one calendar year, with the Applicant required to submit a subsequent Certificate of Appropriateness Application to request a potential term extension thereafter

The motion for the proposed work was approved 7-1, with Mr. Evans dissenting.

JBL: jbl

By: JET JBL

Date of Meeting: October 19, 2020

Title: Historic Officer