

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

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

The applicant/owner of the property located at 515 Main Street proposes to replace a restaurant sign, install a double-sided blade sign, and repaint certain building façade elements.

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/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

/s/ _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

City Clerk

HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

APPLICATION #3: The applicant/owner of the property located at 515 Main Street proposes to replace a restaurant sign, install a double-sided blade sign, and repaint certain building façade elements.

OWNER: 515 Main Street Partnership
515 Main Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

The Board upon motion by Connie Postupack and seconded by Diana Hodgson adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of a restaurant sign, installation of a double-sided blade sign, and repainting of certain building façade elements including the lower façade and window trims, the sign band, and trims above and below this sign band, and the windows and trim on the upper two floors, with the following conditions;

1. The Applicant must submit for and secure a Building Permit from the City of Bethlehem.
2. The new painting shall carry through on the columns, and the trims above and below the sign bar.
3. If required by existing conditions, all guidelines for restoration work shall be followed.

The vote was unanimous to approve the replacement of a restaurant sign, installation of a double-sided blade sign, and repainting of certain building façade elements, as per the motion.

Guideline Citation:

Secretary of Interior Standards No.(s)

#9 New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with historic material, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the historic property and its environment.

#10 New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Bethlehem Historic District Design Guidelines

Page 8: Paint: The HARB encourages,

- Hand washing with mild detergent and bristle brush, hand scraping, and hand sanding

The HARB discourages,

- Rotary tools – disks can leave circular marks and wires can tear into the surface
- Heat guns and heat plate – can ignite paint or underlying surface if left in one location too long

- Chemical paint removers – can raise grains, be expensive, and potentially volatile; runoff can be hazardous
- Flame tools, blow torches to soften paint – smoldering sparks can potentially start a fire; lead components in paint can vaporize and create highly toxic fumes
- Sandblasting – can be abrasive to surface, wear away protective exterior coating and raise the wood grain
- High-pressure water wash – forces water into open joints affecting interior finishes and structural framing; can be abrasive to exterior surface and raise the grain

Page 15: Signage: The HARB encourages,

- Signage that does not obscure or damage architectural features, identifies the business, complements the style of the building, and is appropriately scaled for its location.
- Sign design and color that reflects the architectural characteristics with materials that are consistent with the historic character of the building
- Serif-style lettering, subtle logos, and borders at the perimeter of signs located on Victorian storefronts
- Existing ambient street light or storefront lighting in lieu of lighting whenever possible
- Signage lighting styles that are consistent with the character of the historic building including location, orientation, and brightness
- Installing signage that is sympathetic to the style of the building and in a manner that minimizes damage to the historic features including installing fasteners at mortar joints and not stone faces

The HARB discourages,

- Signage that obstructs views into the store through storefront windows and glazing or architectural features
- Exposed conduit, boxes, or raceways for signage lighting

Evaluation, Effect on Historic District, Recommendations: The proposed work conforms with the intent of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the Bethlehem Historic District Design Guidelines and will have no negative impact to the historic district.



Date of Meeting: July 6, 2023

By: **H. Joseph Phillips**
Title: **Historic Officer**