

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

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 521 Main Street proposes to install a new blade sign and window decals.

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 _____, 2025.

/s/ _____
President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
City Clerk

HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

APPLICATION #3: The applicant/owner of the property located at 521 Main Street proposes to install a new blade sign and window decals.

OWNER: Juan Carlos Paredes
521 Main Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

The Board upon motion by Connie Postupack and seconded by Michael Simonson adopted the proposal that City Council issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a new blade sign and window decals, with the following conditions;

1. The HARB prefers the oval sign design, but either the oval or the more rectilinear design shown in the original Application are appropriate and acceptable.
2. No matter the design, oval or rectilinear, the sign shall be hung from (free swinging), not fixed mounted to the aluminum tube sign arm.
3. The mounting bracket shall be as shown in the original Application with the addition of a decorative scroll attached to the top of the aluminum tube sign arm. The highest part of the scroll that is adjacent to the building should not exceed the height of the existing cornice located above the storefront windows.
4. There will be no lighting included with the installation of this sign.
5. The sign background, sign arm, decorative scroll, and all other mounting hardware shall be black in color.
6. Other sign colors include white, Pantone 233 C, Pantone Cool Grey 7 C, and Pantone 3568 C as shown on the drawing included in the Application.
7. The color of the vinyl window text shall be Basic White.
8. The distance from the bottom of the sign to any surface below it shall be a minimum of 96”.

The vote was unanimous to approve the installation of a new blade sign and window decals, 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 materials, 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 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.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Joseph Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "P" at the end.

Date of Meeting: May 7, 2025

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