



City of Fredericksburg Architectural Review Board
Record of Administrative Review

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DATE OF APPLICATION: August 14, 2020 GPIN #: 7789-13-5279 FEE PAID

ADDRESS OF PROJECT: 411 Lafayette Boulevard

APPLICANT NAME: Joseph Saffelle

Property Owner Business Owner Architect/Contractor Other _____

PROJECT TYPE:

Sign(s) Fence/Wall Minor Exterior Alteration _____

Temporary Emergency Stabilization

Correction ordered by the Building Code Official

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Complete supporting documentation received? YES NO

The applicant has painted custom signs onto the facade of the building located closest to the west side of the site. The primary sign, 24 feet wide by two feet in height, is painted across the top of the facade above the garage bay doors. Three additional signs are painted on the piers located to either side and at the center of the garage bay doors. Each of these is 16 inches wide and six feet eight inches in height. The signs are professionally lettered and the concrete block structure was already painted prior to the addition of the signs. One additional sign, a window decal that is three feet ten inches wide and two feet tall, is located on the window of the central building. Three buildings on the site share a total sign allowance of 99 square feet. The signs account for 82 square feet, which is within the allowance.

RECOMMENDED ARB ACTION:

Approval of the request for a certificate of appropriateness as submitted.

ARB Meeting Date: September 14, 2020

Kate Schwartz
 Zoning Administrator

September 9, 2020

Date

PROPERTY INFORMATION:Construction Date: 1937/1941/1951 Architectural Style: Colonial Revival, Spanish/MissionCharacter-Defining Features: three buildings oriented on a curving corner parcel; concrete block construction; terra cotta roof with wide eaves on central buildingContributing to National Register Historic District? Yes; determined individually eligible by DHR as well

Previous Alterations/ARB Approvals: _____

Additional Notes: _____

APPROVAL CRITERIA

Criteria for evaluating proposed changes are found in City Code § 72-23.1(B)2 and are based on the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The subject application does or does not meet the criteria as follows:

S	D	NA	S – satisfies D – does not satisfy NA – not applicable
✓			(1) Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property by requiring minimal alteration of the building, structure, or site and its environment, or by using a property for its originally intended purposes.
✓			(2) The distinguishing original qualities or character of a building, structure, or site and its environment shall not be destroyed. The removal or alteration of any historical material or distinctive architectural features should be avoided when possible.
✓			(3) Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development or that have no historical basis shall be discouraged.
✓			(4) Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right should be retained and preserved. Restoration of original features may be permitted when substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
✓			(5) Distinctive stylistic features or examples of skilled craftsmanship which characterize a building, structure, or site shall be treated with sensitivity.
		✓	(6) Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, wherever possible. If replacement is necessary, the new material should match the material being replaced in composition, design, color, texture, and other visual qualities. Where severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features should be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

		✓	(7) The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting and other chemical or physical cleaning methods that cause damage to historic building materials shall not be undertaken.
		✓	(8) Every reasonable effort shall be made to protect and preserve archaeological resources affected by or adjacent to any project.
✓			(9) Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural, or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.
✓			(10) New additions, alterations, and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Applicable Guidelines from the Historic District Handbook:

City Code § 72-23.1(D)4 Signs

The ARB shall consider the following in determining the appropriateness of any application for a sign proposed within the HFD: (a) The sign shall be integrated architecturally with the building.

(b) Placement should not obscure significant architectural features or details of the building.

(c) All signs shall meet the requirements of §72-59, Signage.

Signs (Historic District Handbook, pg.117-118)

1. A sign should fit the architecture of its building and not obstruct defining elements.

2. The number of signs should be compatible with the building and should not cause visual clutter.

3. The size of each sign and the total area of signs should match the character of the building and of the Historic District. Exact sign allowance should be verified with the Planning Office.

4. Sign design and graphics should be coordinated with the character of the building and the nature of the business.

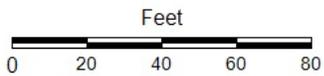
5. Materials should relate to the building. Traditional sign materials include wood, glass, raised individual letters, and painted letters on wood or glass.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED:

- Photographs of existing conditions
- Context photographs
- General site plan and/or site survey
- Product/material specifications for proposed replacement/repair
- Elevation drawings
- Architectural or design detail drawings
- Other

Legend

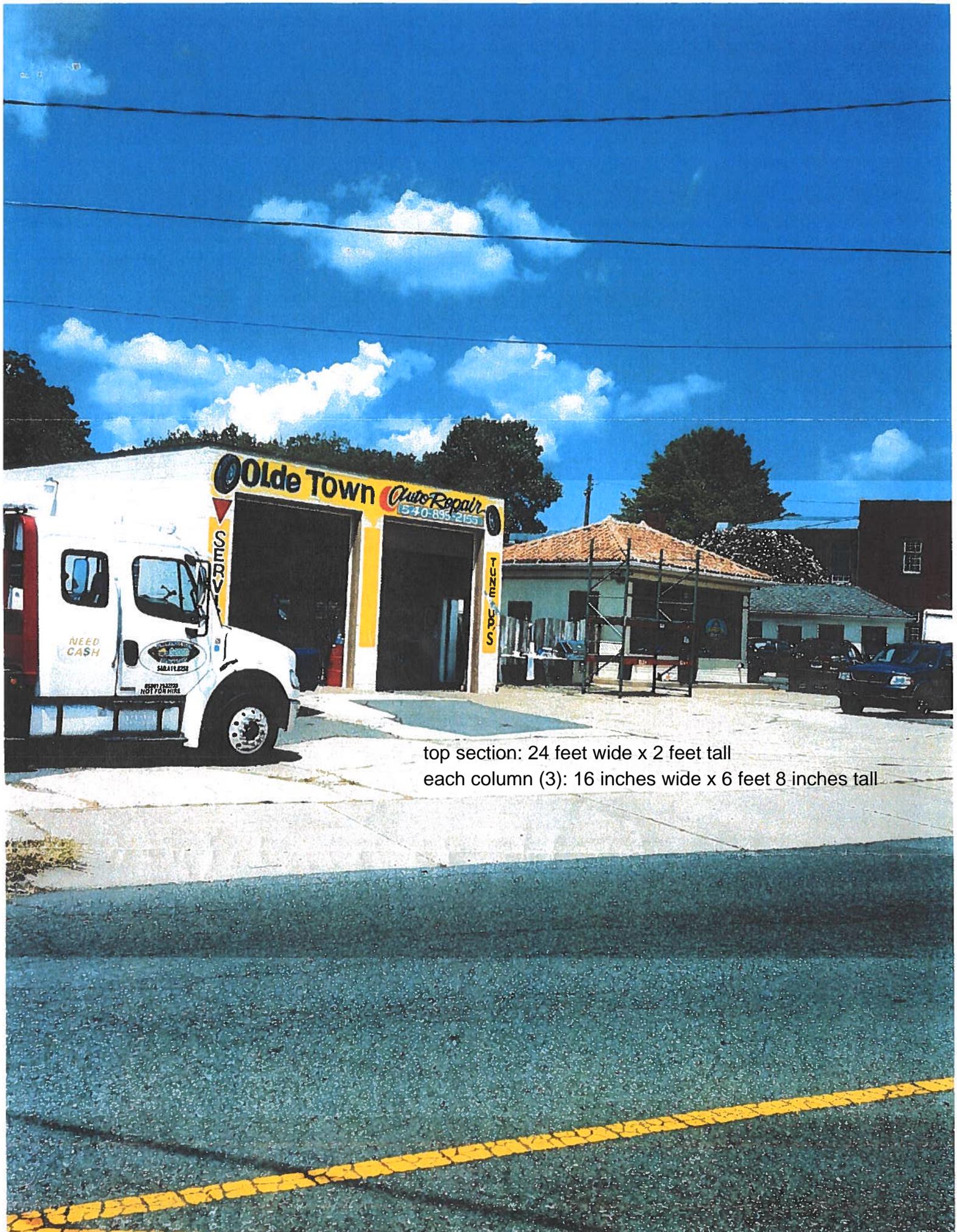
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- Others
- Parcels



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top section: 24 feet wide x 2 feet tall

each column (3): 16 inches wide x 6 feet 8 inches tall