Salisbury Historic District Commission

Hearing Notification

Hearing Date: January 24, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Government Office Building

125 N. Division Street Salisbury, MD. 21804

Room 301

Case Number: #18-07

Commission Considering: Store front alterations

Owner's Name: William & Renee Smith

Applicant Name: Andrew Davis

Agent/Contractor: Not indicated on application

Subject Property Address: 100 E. Main Street, Suite 103

Historic District: Downtown Historic District

Use Category: Commercial

Chairman: Mr. Scott Saxman

HDC Staff contact:

Trish Warrington

Office Manager (410) 341-9550

Salisbury Historic District Commission

501B E. Church Street Salisbury, MD 21804 (410) 341-9550 / fax (410) 341-3682

Permit Application

d. 12/27/17

Date Submitted to NSCC: 1277 Date Accepted as Complete by NSCC: 1478	Case #: 8 0 1 Action Required By (45 days): 2 20 8
Subject Location: 100 East Main St Suite 105 Salisbury MD	Action Required by (45 days): VIXOIIS
Application by: Andrew Davis	Owner Name: William Smith
Applicant Address: 223 Glen Ave Salisbury MD	Owner Address: 102 Fast Main St
Applicant Phone: 443 944 3884	Owner Phone: 410 546-0506
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DemolitionSign	Awning Estimated Cost
DESCRIPTION OF WORK PROPOSED (Please be specific. material, color, dimensions, etc. must accompany application	
method of attachment, position on building, size and front line	
other signs on building, and a layout of the sign	•
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letter from the easement holder stating their approval of	the proposed workYes V_No
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Do you intend to apply for Federal or State Rehabilitation Maryland Historical Trust staff? Yes V No	1 Tax Credits? If yes, have you contacted
If you have checked "Yes" to either of the above question	ons inlease provide a convior vour approval
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See Reverse Side for DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	
All required documents must be submitted to the Director, Dept. of	Neighborhood Services & Code Compliance at
least 30 days prior to the next public meeting. Failure to include all applicant or his/her authorized representative to appear at the sche	I the required attachments and/or failure of the
applicant of his/her authorized representative to appear at the sche application until the next regular scheduled meeting. If an applicati	
resubmitted for one year from date of such action. Please be advis	sed that members of the Salisbury Historic District
Commission or staff, may visit the subject property prior to the sche	eduled meeting date to familiarize themselves with
the project.	•
The Salisbury Historic District Commission Rules and Regulations	and Dagina Cuidalings are quallable for review in
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city's website: www.ci.salisbury.md.us.	impliance for the only of calledary as won as on the
l, or my authorized representative, will appear at the meeting of the on South 2018 (date).	Salisbury Historic District Commission
on solution (date).	
I hereby certify that the owner of the subject premises has been full	ly informed of the alterations herein proposed and
that said owner is in full agreement with this proposal.	
Applicant's Company of the Company o	211/12/17
Signature Remarks:	Date12/12/11/
11.	May & Phillips
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Application Processor (Date)	Secretary, S.H.D.C. (Date)

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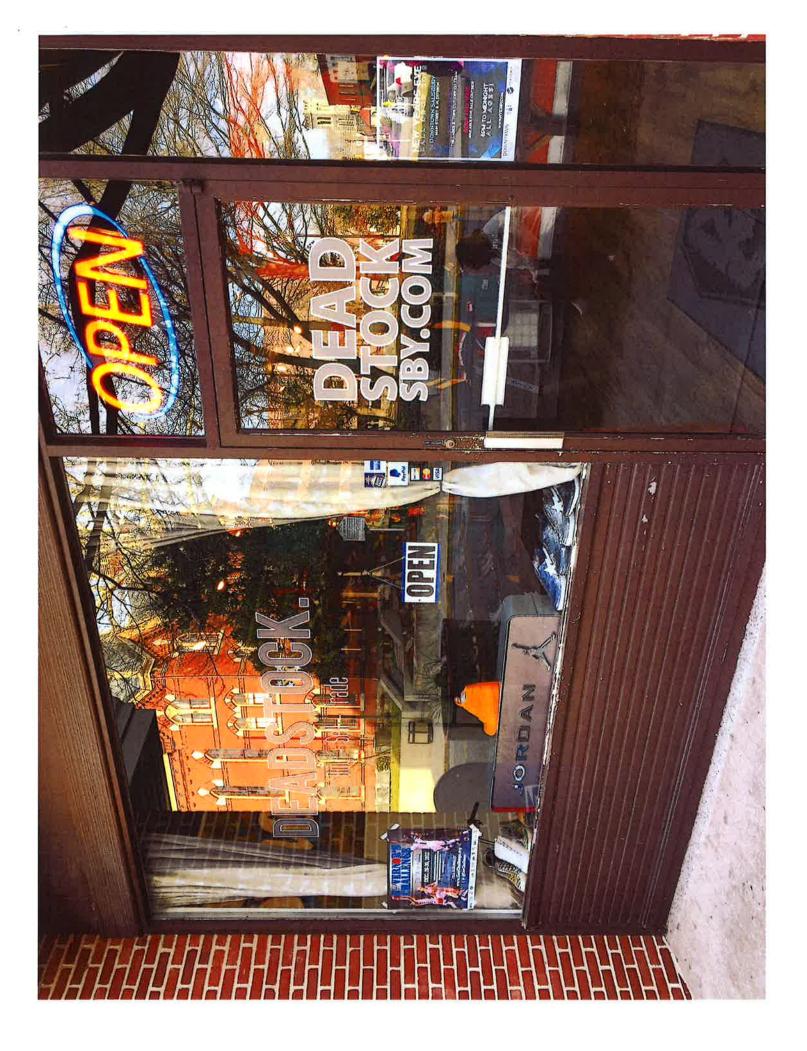
We are looking to replace the front facade of the Deadstock SBY store front. The store front would be bumped out approximately 20 inches in order to mirror the store front at Dicarlos Printing within the same building. The only difference would be the bottom section of the store front would be all glass like the Deli at 118 North Division St. (Both samples pictures are attached)

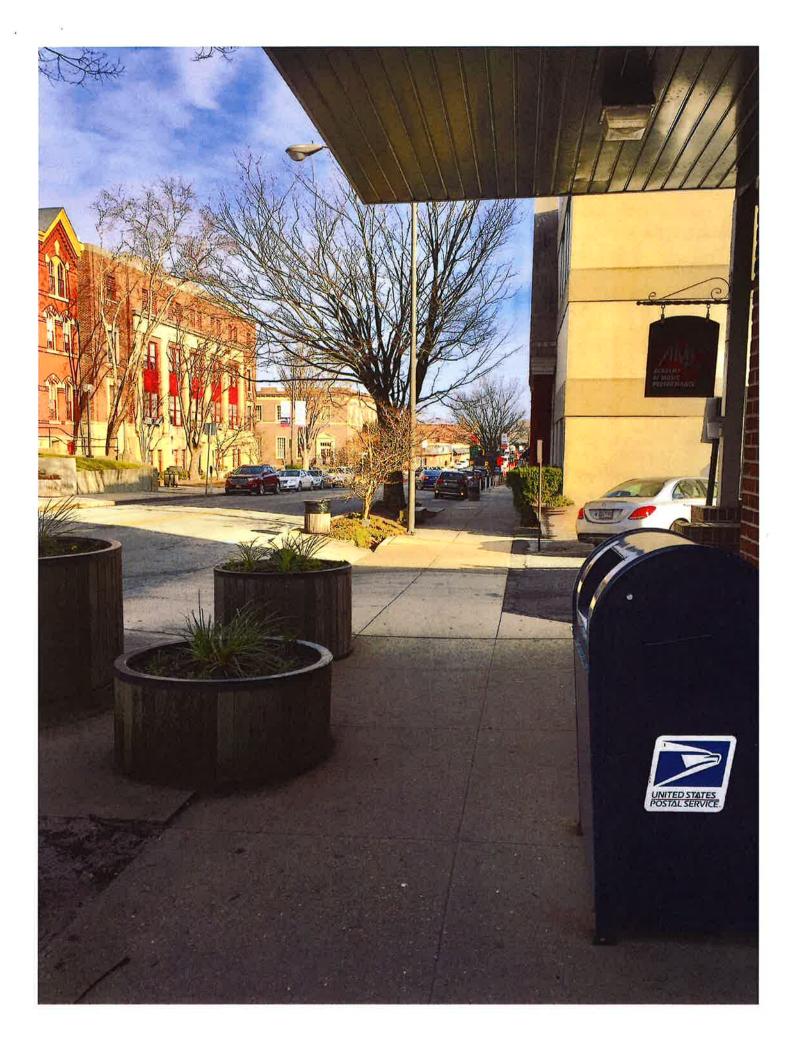
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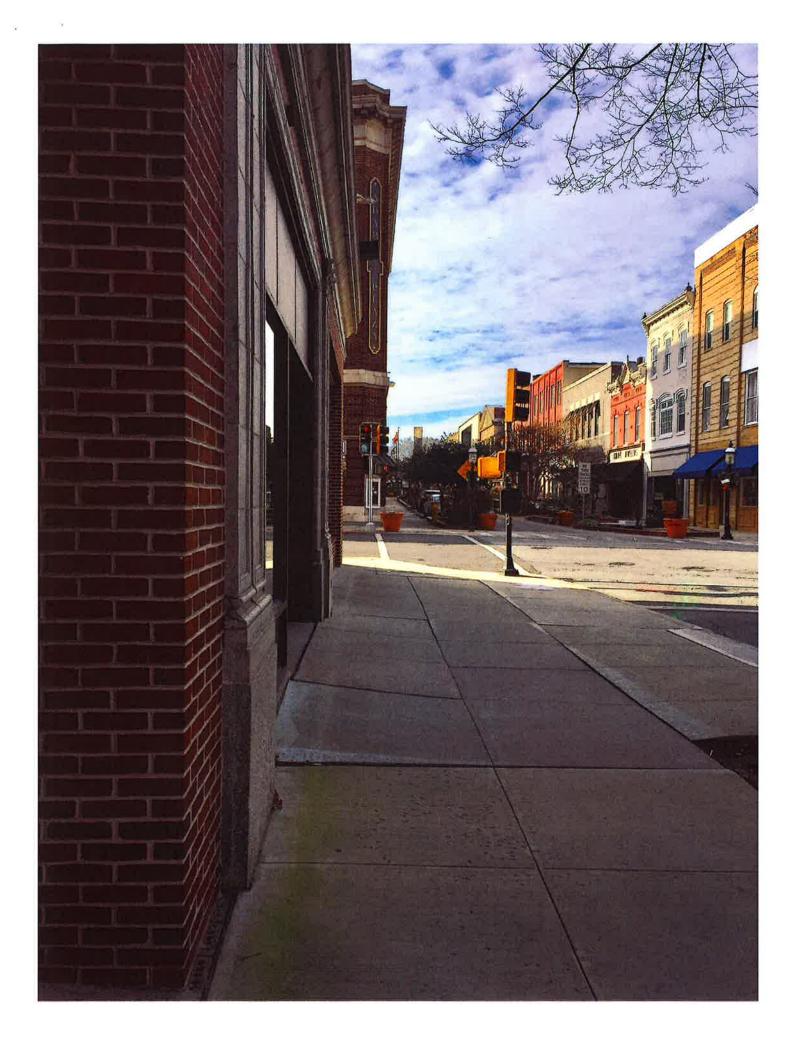
- The facade would have a metal wrap for the top 18"
- Glass running to the ground.
- Lighting would be inserted out front of the space matching the lights already existing on the building. This would be 4" recessed LED lights.
- The space would be graded to match the new city side walk going in
- The interior would be leveled off and the flooring continued to match the existing flooring.

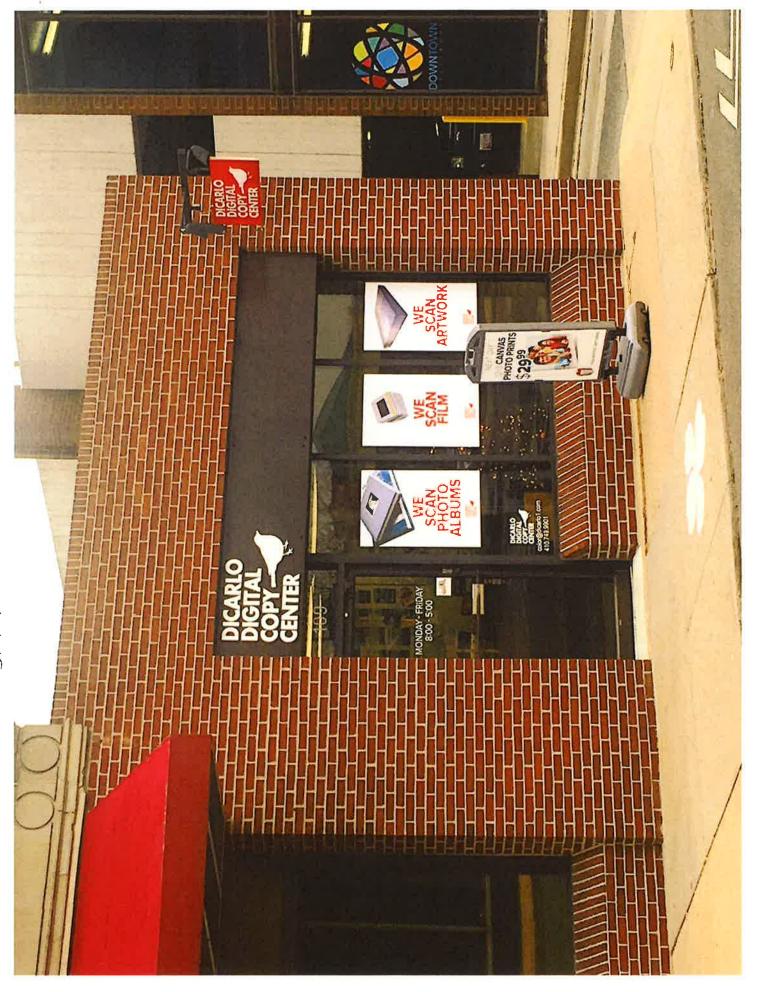




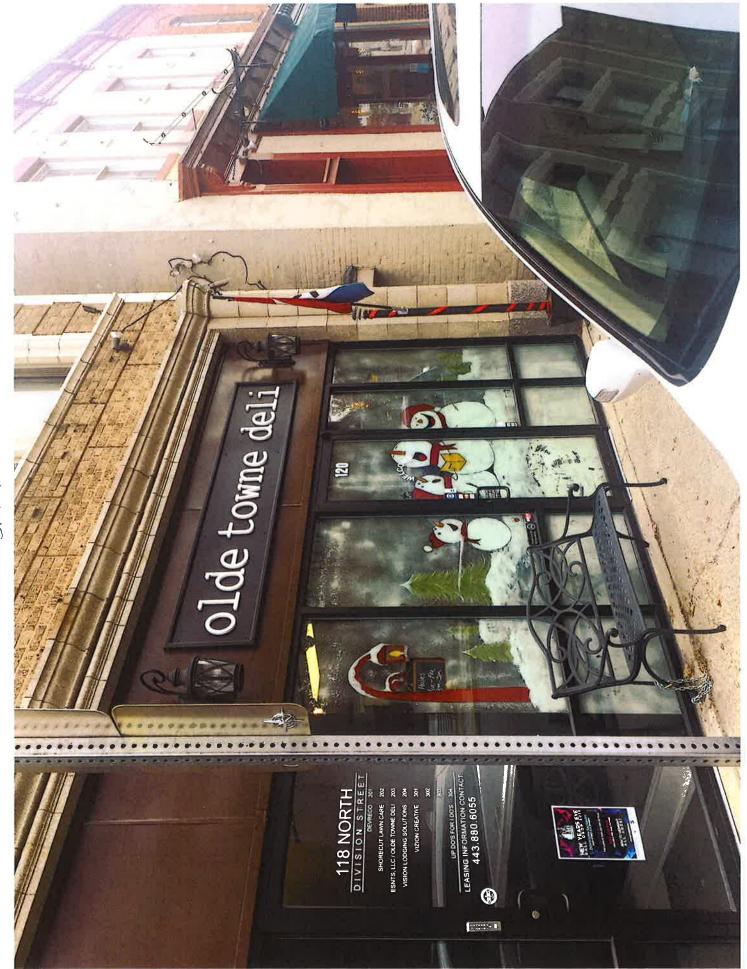


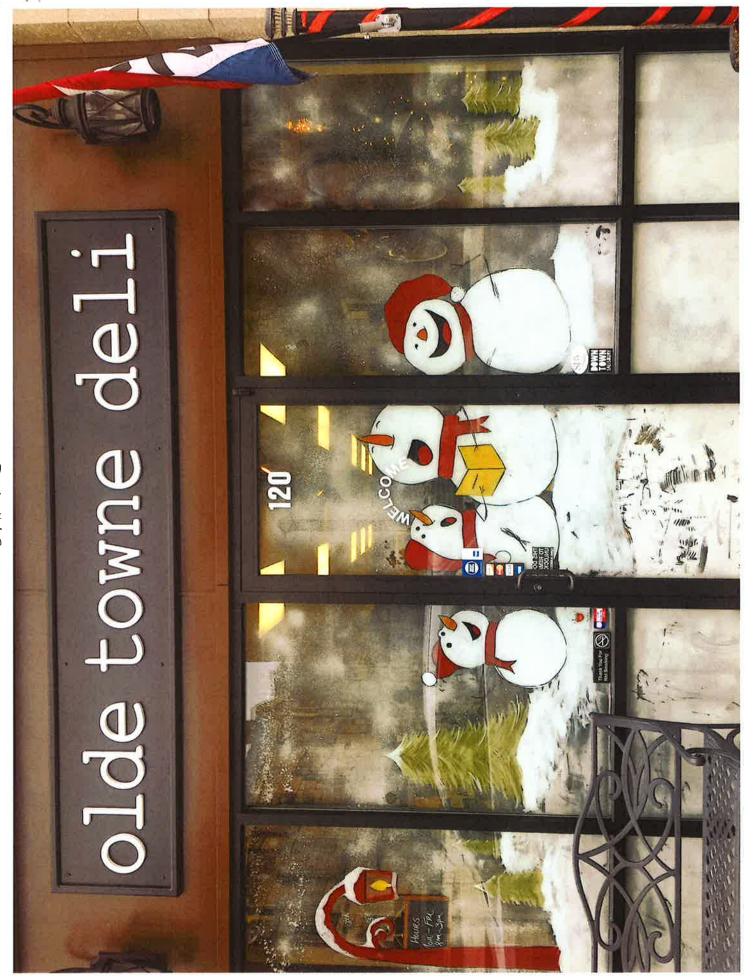














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Mr. Go-Glass Salisbury 805 Snow Hill Rd SALISBURY, MD 21804-1938 PH:(410) 742-1151 FAX:(410) 749-0265

P/O#:

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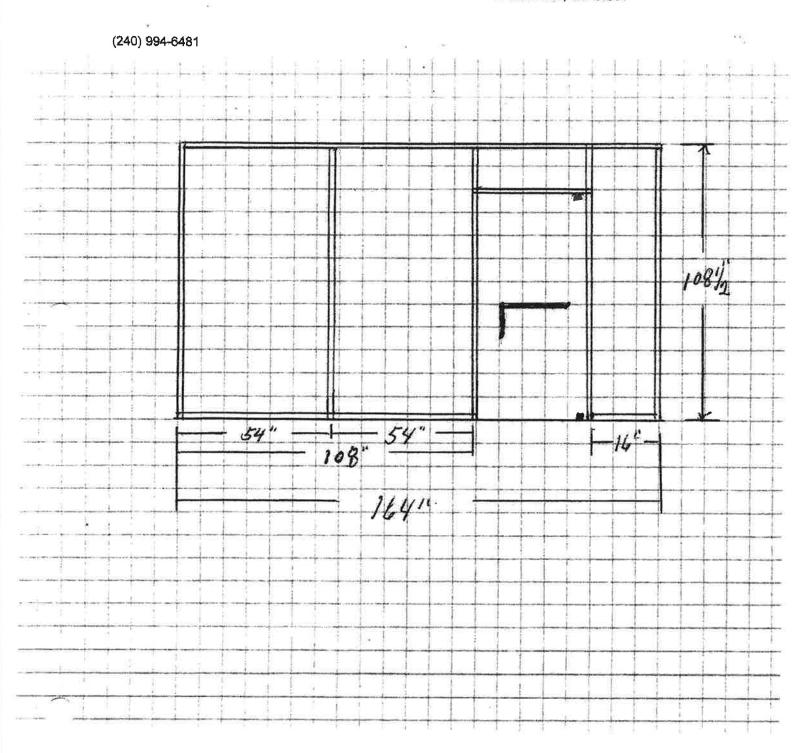
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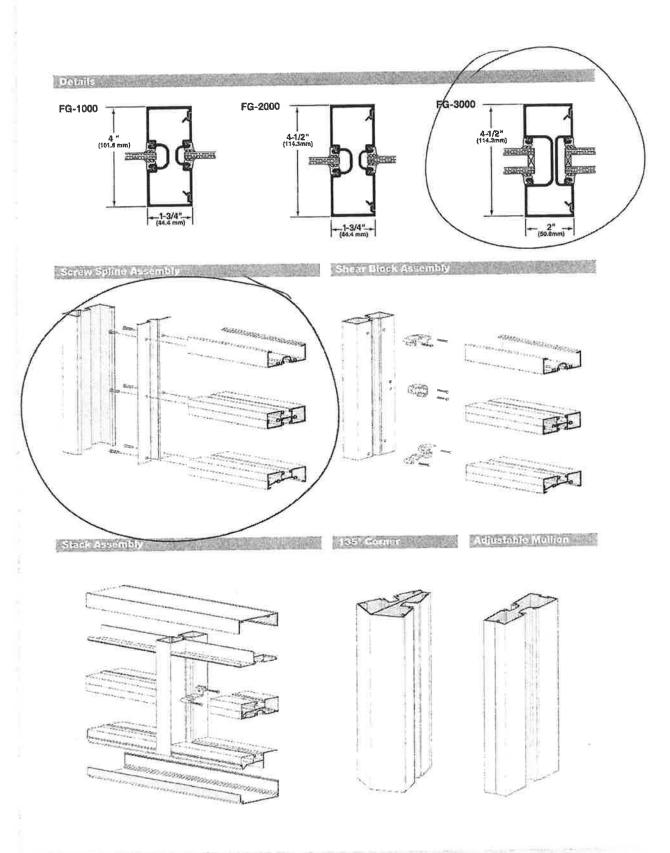
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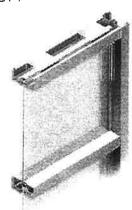


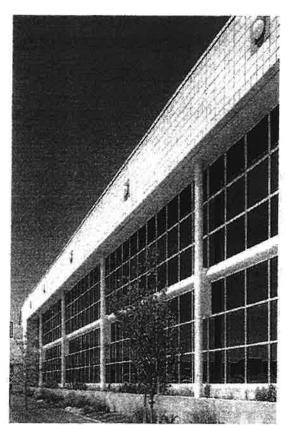
Standard Flush Glaze Storefront Systemsa wide range of storefront framing systems for efficient installation

Oldcastle BuildingEnvelope™ offers a complete line of storefront framing systems to meet just about any storefront application and condition. The Series 1000 is 1-3/4" x 4", and the Series 2000 is 1-3/4" x 4-1/2". Both are designed for 1/4" glazing but are easily adapted to 5/16" or 3/8" infills.

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to many different infills ranging from 1/4" to 1-1/8".





St. Benedicts Medical Arts Building, Ogden, UT Architect: Babcock Design Group

- Three different assembly methods: Screw Spline. Shear Block and Stacking
- Tested by independent laboratories:
 - Air Infiltration: < .06 allowable at 6.24 PSF
 - Water Resistance: 10 PSF
- Door framing components
- Sidelite bases to match door bottom rails.
- Multiple corner post configurations
- Adjustable and 135° mullion
- Anodized or painted finishes



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ONE PLAZA EAST SALISBURY, MD 21801

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BRET DAVIS ONE PLAZA EAST SALISBURY, MD 21801

(240) 994-6481

Qty	Part Number	Description	
1	SFM	3000 SERIES, DOOR AND DRANS	
	∑	FRAME, 2" X 4 1/2", DOOR SINGLE	
		GLAZE, OFF SET PIVOT,	
		STD, PUSH-PULL	6.6
1	SFM	3000 SERIES, BLK, CENTER FLUSH	
		GLAZEOPEN BACK TUBE FOR 1" IG,	
		GLAZING	
1	LamiShtClr1/4-36x84	36x84 Clear Lami Sheet 1/4"	
1	DoorCloser-884 DU	884 DU Door Closer	
1	DoorSweepBrozeSL	Commercial Door Sweep BLK, 36"	
2	LindeLoETemp-1" OA	(54" x 105") 1" OA Lindepane Lo E	
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Estimator: Freddie Morton

e-mail address: bretdavis@kw.com

Mr. Go-Glass Guarantee - We fully guarantee the glass you purchased against manufacturing and installation defects. Our Goal is Complete Customer Satisfaction.

All Go Glass quotes expire 30 days from original quote date.

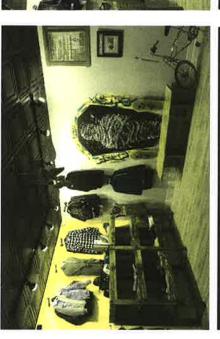
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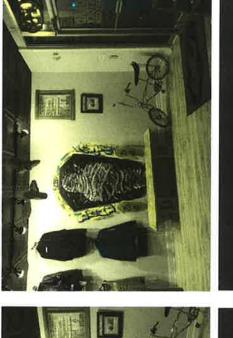
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QUOTE FOR NEW STORE FRONT ONE PLAZA EAST BUILDING 3000 SERIES CENTER FLUSH GLAZE BLACK STORE FRONT FOR 1" IG GLASS, QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE REMOVING OLD STORE FRONT, THANK YOU FRED @ GO-GLASS. Required Date 12/27/17 04:00 PM

100 E. Main Street # 103





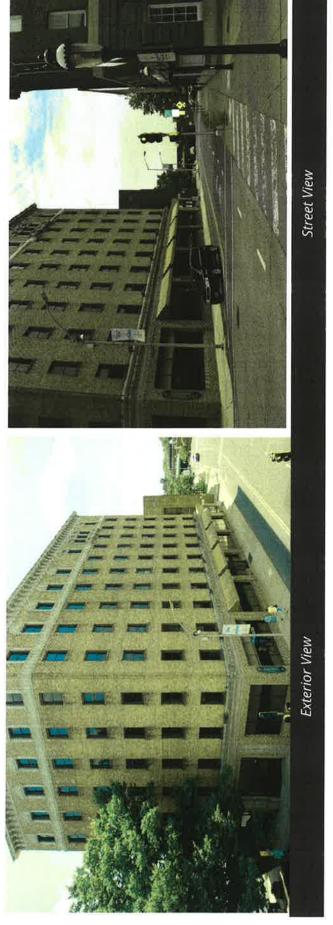




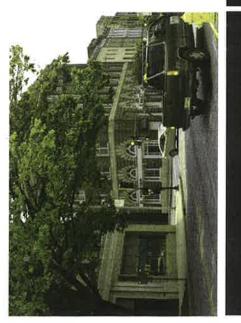


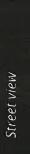


100 E. Main Street # 103









Surrounding Buildings

Salisbury Historic District Commission

STAFF FINDINGS

Meeting Date: January 24, 2018

Case Number:

18-07

Commission Considering:

Store Front Alterations

Owner's Name: Owner's Address: William & Renee Smith 1 Plaza East, Ste. 102 Salisbury, MD 21801

Applicant Name:

Andrew Davis

Agent/Contractor:

Not Indicated

Subject Property Address:

100 E. Main Street

Historic District:

Downtown Historic District

Use Category:

Commercial

Zoning Classification:

Central Business District

Structure / Site Description:

Built Date:

Not indicated on SDAT

Enclosed Area:

1,015 sq ft

Lot Size:

1,015 sq ft

Number of Stories:

Not indicated on SDAT

Contributing Structure:

Contributing, 9/28/16

Wicomico County Historic Survey on file:

Yes

Nearby Properties on County Survey:

Yes

Division & Main Street

Wicomico County Courthouse F. Leonard Wailes Law Office

> 116-118 E. Main Street

Salisbury News & Advertiser Building

➤ 120-122 E. Main Street

Explanation of Request: The applicant is requesting the Salisbury Historic District Commission approve their request to alter the existing store front.

- 1. Replace the first & second floor windows on the south and east elevations
- 2. Installation of a decorative canopy, window boxes, lighting and signage on the south elevation.

Relevant Historic, Archeological and Architectural Significant Features of the Surrounding Area:

The property in question is located within the Downtown Historic District. The majority of buildings located in this District on East Main St., West Main St., North Division St., South Division St. and Camden St. are constructed of brick and mortar. The Salisbury Historic District Commission approved signage at 220 East main St., 235 East Main St., 124 North Division St., 150 West Market St. and 327 East Main St., formally Jimmy's Grill and the address of the current project. Various alterations where also approved by the Commission at 117-119 West Main St., 104 North Division St., 233 west Main St., 212 West Main St., awnings at 216 East Main St., fiberglass clad wooden windows at Chesapeake East at 501 West Main Street and aluminum commercial grade windows at 213 -235 East Main Street. The majority of structures in this District are typically two and three story brick and stone buildings purposed for commercial use and range in age from 50 years to 130 years old. Most of the buildings were built in the 1920's with and a hand full were built in the late 1880's. There's a mix of architectural styles including Renaissance Revival and Victorian but no prevalence to any specific style.

Areas of Historic Guidelines to be considered:

GUIDELINES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

Commercial Facades

Much of the architectural streetscape in the Downtown Historic District is defined by the upper facades of its buildings. The upper facades provide rhythm and character to the street through their setback, fenestration (pattern of window openings), ornamentation and roof-line treatments.

The most distinguishing characteristic is decorative metal, brickwork or stonework found at the building parapets. The parapet is the portion of the upper façade wall that rises above the roof-line and often caps the building with decoration. In the Downtown Historic District, this brickwork is generally built out from the face of the building by several courses in a process known as corbelling.

Brickwork in the parapet or upper façade can also be indented in saw tooth or zigzag patterns or laid in various bond patterns. Stone or concrete may be used in a pattern or as a cap for the parapet and glazed brick tile in a different color is used to provide an accent. Several downtown buildings display the building's name or date (or both) in the parapet area.

Some downtown buildings, particularly non-retail structures, make use of decorative features that represent a particular architectural style. In these buildings, the upper facades display columns, pilasters, balconies, and stylized materials that are not found on other downtown buildings.

Guideline 37: Façade Configuration

As described in Section 3, there are several building types associated with commercial architecture. These forms are a character defining feature of commercial buildings and their order and arrangement must be maintained.

- Maintain the historic compositional principles of historic commercial buildings.
- b. For two- and three-part block configurations, maintain the division of the upper and lower stories.
- c. Where historic features are missing, consider restoring the façade to a composition appropriate to the historic design of the building.
- d. New commercial buildings should follow the same compositional layout of surrounding buildings in order to maintain the scale and pattern of the Downtown Historic District.
- e. Maintain the historic layout of commercial storefronts.
- f. Maintain the window and door pattern of the storefront. Historic entrances were typically flanked by glass display windows.
- g. Improve access to upper floors in a manner sensitive to the configuration of the historic storefront. A second set of stairs to access the upper stories is often required to comply with current fire codes.

Best Choice:

Maintain the existing historic façade configuration, including fenestration and ornamentation. Restore the historic configuration of altered commercial properties based on physical or documentary evidence.

Good Alternative:

Alter the layout of historic storefronts to accommodate changing needs while maintaining as much of the original fabric and configuration as possible.

Alter the existing façade configuration in the least invasive manner possible. Provide additional access points in a location that will not disrupt the rhythm of the historic façade.

Not Appropriate:

Wholesale reconfiguration of a building's façade to create a different appearance.

Infilling existing window openings.

Creating new window openings which are not complimentary to the historic character of the building.

Guideline 38: Commercial Building Ornamentation

- a. Maintain and restore character defining features of your commercial building. Character defining features include historic storefronts, transoms, sign boards, bulkheads, windows, cornices, and other architectural details.
- b. Do not add arbitrary or conjectural ornamentation to the building. Replacement of missing historic features should be supported by documentary evidence to avoid creating a false historic appearance.

c. Maintain the original ornamental cap or cornice of the building. If replacement is required, in-kind replacement matching the historic element in design, scale, color, and material is recommended. Replacement materials, such as fiberglass, may be approved if the element's profile can be satisfactorily matched.

Best Choice:

Maintain, repair, or restore the existing historic cornice.

Good Alternative:

Reproduce a new cornice in fiberglass, matching the details of the historic cornice.

Not Appropriate:

Removing the cornice and stuccoing over the location.

Windows

Historically, buildings in the Downtown Historic District have windows on the upper floors. Most common was the use of simple double-hung windows in plain, lightly decorated walls. These windows were generally one-over-one wood frame sash in either rectangular or arched openings. Some buildings from the 1920's and 1930's used casement windows or group of double – hung windows in openings that were larger than those of earlier buildings. Window openings were generally plain, with simple stone lintels and sills.

Please see the preceding section, Universal Guidelines, for additional guidelines on Windows. For additional information on substitute materials, see Appendix B.

Guideline 39: Replacement Windows for Commercial Properties

- a. Where window replacement is necessary, the new window should match the historic window in size, type, glazing pattern, and profile. The number of window panes and the approximate muntin and mullion profile should match the historic window.
- b. Removable, snap-in, or "between the glass" muntins are not historically appropriate.
- c. Vinyl windows are generally not manufactured in historic proportions and are not appropriate replacement windows for historic properties.

 Aluminum, aluminum clad wood, and fiberglass are appropriate replacement materials and may be approved if the appearance is complimentary to the existing historic windows and architectural style.
- d. Maintain the historic window opening size and surrounding trim. Do not alter the size of the historic window opening to accommodate larger or smaller windows. Do not remove or cover surrounding trim, including wood and masonry details.
- e. Maintain the window type. For example, do not replace operable windows such as double-hung windows with fixed windows.

Storefronts

Storefronts in the Downtown Historic District are a character defining element of Salisbury's Main Street. Historic storefronts typically have one primary entrance with one or more secondary entries on the front, side or rear elevations. Storefront entries are typically recessed from the face of the building, providing additional space for display windows. In Salisbury, some buildings have main entrances located at the corners, providing maximum exposure to the entrance from one or more streets.

Storefronts are comprised of a bulkhead, transom, and pier with a recessed entrance and display windows. Traditional storefronts in Salisbury had tall wood doors with full glazing, either individually or in pairs. Often, the door had a glass transom above it. Secondary doors were simpler in design, most often used to provide access to the upper floor(s) or the rear of the building. A typical door had a full or half-light window or solid wood panels.

Guideline 41: Storefront Entrances

- a. Maintain existing recessed entries.
- b. Preserve decorative elements in good condition, such as trim and other woodwork. Repair or replace in-kind decorative elements in poor condition.
- c. Where historically recessed entries have been closed up and made flush with the façade, consider restoring the recess.
- d. On buildings whose storefronts have been altered in recent history, restoration to its historic appearance, where documentary evidence exists, or a new design may be appropriate. Work with the SHDC early in the design process when designing new storefront entrances.

Guideline 42: Storefront Windows

- a. Maintain the existing historic display windows where possible. Preserve the size, configuration of the historic windows.
- b. Storefront windows should retain their historic material and be consistent with the prominent style of the building as much as possible. Many buildings in Salisbury's Downtown reflect multiple eras and architectural styles. Typically, the upper stories are more or less original to the building's historic appearance, while the street level has been altered, in many cases multiple times. Where a storefront retains only limited integrity, a new design may be appropriate. Consult the SHDC to determine the best approach for your building.
- c. Retain the bulkhead or kickplate below the display windows. If replacement is necessary,match the historic profile and configuration as closely as possible.
- d. Preserve or restore the storefront transom windows. Where the use of glass is not feasible, a dark, reflective surface is most appropriate.

Evaluation Criteria:

Pursuant to Section 17.52.040 A & B of the Salisbury Zoning Code, it is the duty of the Historic District Commission to review all applications to construct, alter, reconstruct, move or demolish any structure within a Historic District whenever the exterior appearance of such structure is affected, and to approve or reject said application. In reviewing an application and plans, the Commission should give consideration to review criteria, and may make a determination as to which of said Criteria are applicable.

Staff Findings Prepared By: Susan E. Phillips, Director Housing & Community Development Department 207 W. Main Street, Suite 102
Salisbury, MD 2180
(410) 341-9550
Date: January 12, 2018

WI-270 Wicomico Hotel Salisbury Private

The old Wicomico Hotel, erected in 1923, is the largest structure defining the center business district of Salisbury. Rising seven stories on an excavated basement, the stretcher and common bond brick commercial block stands out on Salisbury's skyline as the tallest building and one of the city's most distinctive structures. Following in a repeated architectural format for early twentieth century high rise hotels, the red brick walls are accented with stone trimmings that divide the building in three parts, which correspond to the three main components of the classical column. The first floor, although altered, retains a heavy stone entablature that serves to highlight the base of the building and at the same time it symbolizes the column's plinth. The five stories above the first floor are the plainest, and they correspond to the column's shaft. The top floor, the most elaborately finished portion, represents the column capital with its heavy console block cornice. This architectural formula was repeated countless times in the design and construction of early high rises in small and large cities across the United States during the early twentieth century. Centrally located on the southwest corner of the main intersection in the city, the Wicomico Hotel was thought of as a progressive addition for city residents that signaled to the outside world that its move to an urban commercial center was secure and ever-improving.

The construction of a modern hotel in the center of Salisbury was discussed

periodically during the early years of the twentieth century. It was felt by many city leaders that the future economic prosperity of Salisbury was dependent on the building of a modern hotel facility. The idea gained momentum during the early 1920s with the formation of the Wicomico Hotel Company. The executive and building committee included E. D. Mitchell, C. R. Disharoon, M. C. Evans, Ralph H. Grier, Henry H. Hanna, T. L. Ruark, and F. L. Wailes.

The executive and building committee reported to the public through an article in the Wicomico News that a study had been made to determine the acceptance of such an undertaking:

.....the time has arrived when Salisbury can not hold her town against the prosperity of other cities without this new modern hotel. As a result of this report thirty leading citizens of Salisbury have formed a corporation, with the kind of hotel best adapted to meet the growing needs of this favored community.

A proposed plan of the hotel was published in the paper as well, and the initial design, executed by architect B. K. Gibson of Chicago, called for a four-story, eight-bay by ten-bay structure of neoclassical style. Presumably the building committee decided that a big city architect from Chicago could supply Salisbury with a design better than any local talent. Public concerns soon surfaced in the paper that the building was not large enough to suit the needs of city. The land for the hotel had not been acquired so that a specific lot size had not been exactly determined. The land for the hotel was partitioned from the old Wailes homestead known as "Lakeside," which remained

standing in the center of Salisbury until the mid 1950s. The Wailes sisters, Laura L. and Victoria, resided in the house at the time when they sold their front yard acreage to the hotel company. The construction plans for the hotel were ultimately changed to erect a seven-story structure, which allowed for parking on the east side of the building.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

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2.	Geographic Orientation:	Eastern	Shore	e		
3.	Chronological/Development	Period(s):		dustrial/Urban 70-1930	Dominance	
4.	Resource Type(s):	Office T	Tower			

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WI-270
Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

1. Nam	e (indicate pr	eferred name)		
historic	Wicomico I	Hotel		
and/or common	One Plaza	East		
2. Loca	ition			
street & number	SE corner	of East Main and	South Division	Sts. not for publication
city, town	Salisbury	vicinity of	congressional district	First
state	Maryland	county	Wicomico	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered not_applicable	Status _x_ occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible _x_ yes: restricted yes: unrestricted _ no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names an	d mailing addresses	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name	One Plaza	Condo Associatio	n, Inc.	
street & number	P. O. Box	228	telephone no	
city, town	Salisbury	state	and zip code Mai	ryland
5. Loca	ition of Leg	al Description	n	
courthouse, regis	stry of deeds, etc.	Wicomico County		ap 107, P. 848 liber 1004
street & number	Wicomico (County Courthouse		folio 799
city, town	Salisbury		state ^N	Maryland 21801
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Description

The old Wicomico Hotel, now known as One Plaza East, is a seven-story, ell-shaped brick office tower that stands on the southwest corner of the intersection of South Division and East Main Streets in the center of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The building is currently oriented to face west with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1923, the seven-story, six-bay by ten-bay brick hotel was erected in a combination of pressed brick stretcher bond along the principal street elevations and seven-to-ten course common bond on the rear, side, walls away from the streets. The top of the building is defined by a heavy classical cornice that disguises a medium pitched gable roof. The building is flanked by alleys on the south and east sides.

The ten-bay west (main) elevation has been altered on the first floor with large glass display windows and a central entrance to an inner lobby. The East Main Street facade retains a few classical pilasters that flank large glass storefront windows. The pilasters rise to a stone entablature that stretches around the west side as well. Above the store entablature are five stories marked by replacement windows of stretcher bond walls and no ornamentation above the windows. The top floor, however, is embellished with a wide stone beltcourse that stretches around the East Main and South Division Street elevations under the seventh story windows. The beltcourse serves as a heavy sill to the windows, which are framed by stone surrounds with an arched header. Within each arch above the windows is relief carving. On the South Main Street side a cluster of three windows have a bulbous turned balustrade that marks the bottom of each window opening. The top of the wall surface on both street elevations is capped by a heavy stone cornice defined by a series of bold console brackets. The fronts of each console are embellished with acanthus leaf carving. The cornice turns the corner on the southwest and northeast sides but is terminated within several feet of the wall.

The south end of the building is a common bond wall with replacement windows on each floor. A metal fire escape rises against the exterior. A tripartite set of arched windows pierces the seventh floor. The top of the wall surface is finished with a stepped parapet capped with a terra cotta coping.

A 1950s single-story garage has been added to east side, and an elevator tower rises in the center of the building. The south and east inner walls are defined by rows of replacement windows. The windows on the seventh floor have round arched assembled in double rowlock rows. The top of the parapet wall is capped with a terra cotta coping.

The interior has been reworked to suit modern offices on the first floor. The upper floors were not seen.

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The old Wicomico Hotel, erected in 1923, is the largest structure defining the center business district of Salisbury. Rising seven stories on an excavated basement, the stretcher and common bond brick commercial block stands out on Salisbury's skyline as the tallest building and one of the city's most distinctive structures. Following in a repeated architectural format for early twentieth century high rise hotels, the red brick walls are accented with stone trimmings that divide the building in three parts, which correspond to the three main components of the classical column. The first floor, although altered, retains a heavy stone entablature that serves to highlight the base of the building and at the same time it symbolizes the column's plinth. The five stories above the first floor are the plainest, and they correspond to the column's shaft. The top floor, the most elaborately finished portion, represents the column capital with its heavy console block cornice. This architectural formula was repeated countless times in the design and construction of early high rises in small and large cities across the United States during the early twentieth century. Centrally located on the southwest corner of the main intersection in the city, the Wicomico Hotel was thought of as a progressive addition for city residents that signaled to the outside world that its move to an urban commercial center was secure and ever-improving.

The building deserves listing in Category A, which identifies a building that must be retained since it exhibits many good architectural features and contributes strongly to the historic nature of the district. The Wicomico Hotel is historically significant as a prominent fixture in the center of Salisbury since 1923.

The construction of a modern hotel in the center of Salisbury was discussed periodically during the early years of the twentieth century. It was felt by many city leaders that the future economic prosperity of the city was dependent on the building of a modern hotel facility. The idea gained momentum during the early 1920s with the formation of the Wicomico Hotel Company. The executive and building committee included E. D. Mitchell, C. R. Disharoon, M. C. Evans, Ralph H. Grier, Henry H. Hanna, T. L. Ruark, and F. L. Wailes.(1)

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Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

The executive and building committee reported to the public through an article in the *Wicomico News* that a study had been made to determine the acceptance of such an undertaking:

....the time has arrived when Salisbury can not hold her own against the prosperity of the other cities without this new modern hotel. As a result of this report thirty leading citizens of Salisbury have formed a corporation, with the kind of a hotel best adapted to meet the growing needs of this favored community.(2)

A proposed plan of the hotel was published in the paper as well, and the initial design, executed by architect B. K. Gibson of Chicago, called for a four-story, eight-bay by ten-bay structure of neoclassical style.(3) Public concerns soon surfaced in the paper that the building was not large enough to suit the needs of the city. The land for the hotel had not been acquired so that a specific lot size had not been determined. The land for the hotel was partitioned from the old Wailes homestead, which stood until the mid 1950s. The Wailes sisters, Laura L. and Victoria, resided in the house at the time the land was sold for the hotel. The construction plans of the hotel were ultimately changed to seven stories instead of four, which allowed for a parking lot on the east side of the building.

¹ Wicomico News, March 23, 1923, Wicomico County Free Library.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

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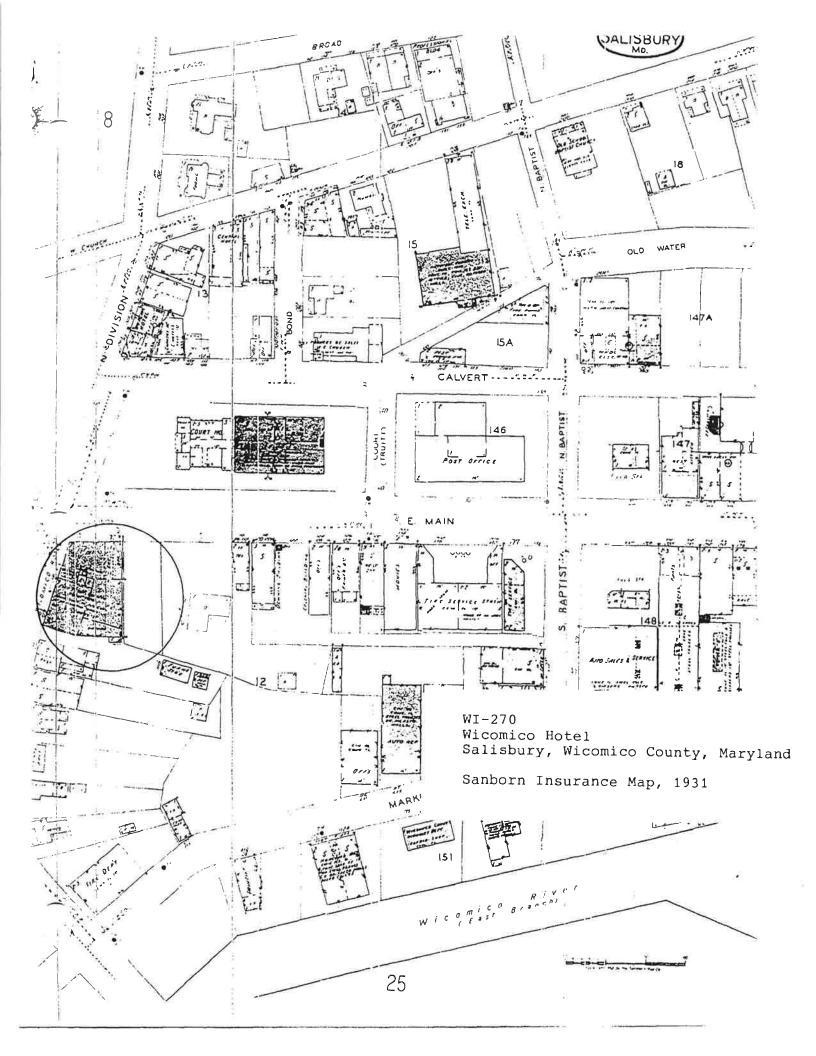
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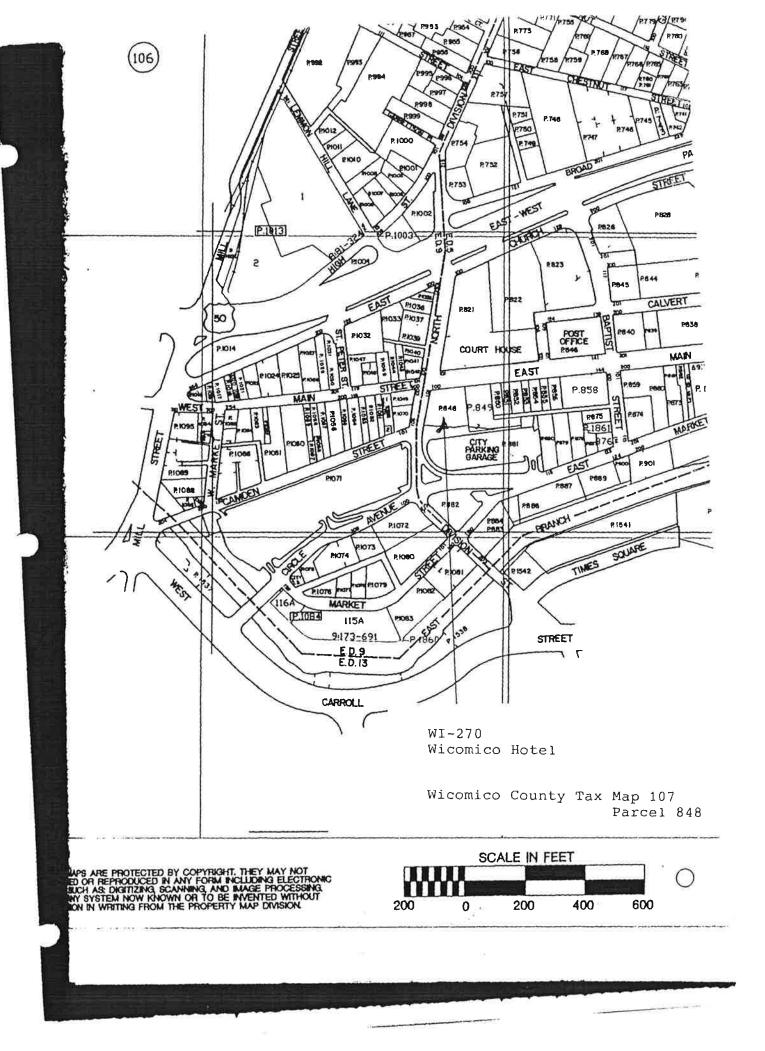
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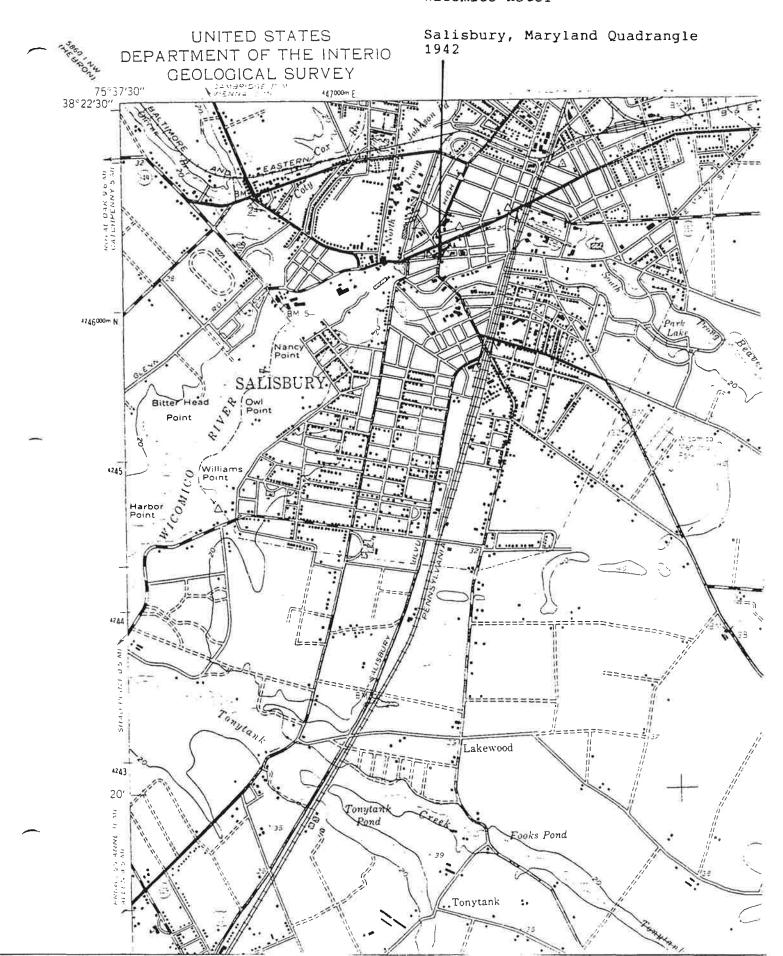
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The property hereby conveyed being all of the property acquired by the Wicomico Hotel Company

- 1. From Nannie T. Wailes, et al. 1/22/1945, JWS 265/560
- 2. From M. Victoria Wailes, admin., dated 5/20/1924, JCK 134/251
- 3. From F. Leonard Wailes, et ux., dated 5/5/1924, JCK 134/249
- 4. From People's Bank of Salisbury, 5/5/1924, JCK 134/217
- 5. From Henry S. Taylor, et al., 6/20/1923, JCK 130/233
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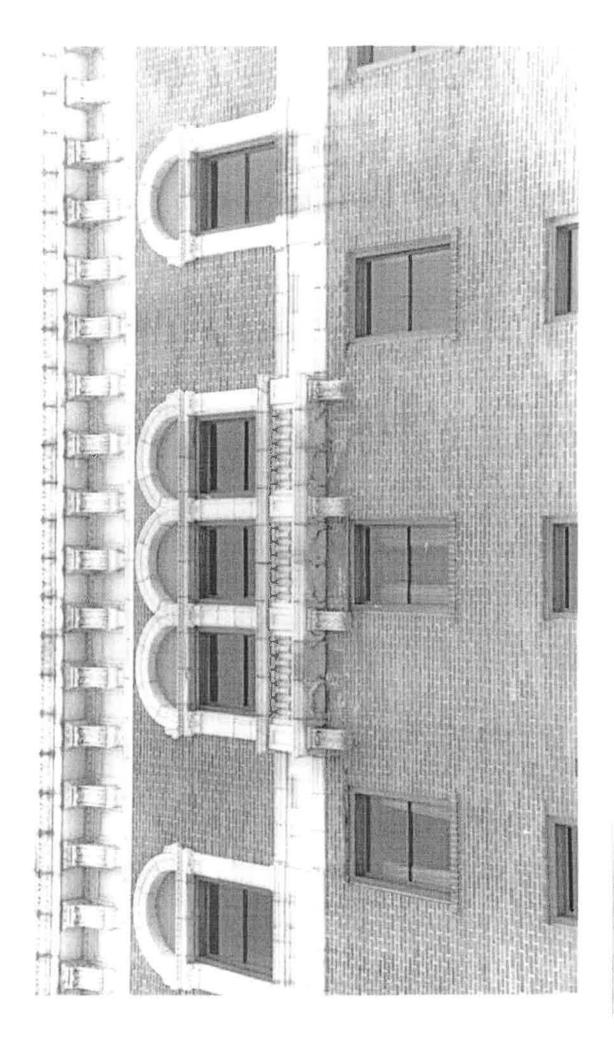












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