

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BROOME: CITY OF BINGHAMTON
COMMISSION ON ARCHITECTURE & URBAN DESIGN**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION

OF

DECISION NO. 2013-25

Kelly-Jo Hunink, APPLICANT

**FOR DESIGN REVIEW PURSUANT
TO SECTION 67 OF ARTICLE XI OF
ZONING ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK**

The Applicant is the contractor for a tenant of the premises located at 31 Lewis Street, Tax Map Number 160.25-2-26. This property is a local landmark located within the Rail Terminal Local and National Register Historic District and all exterior alterations must be reviewed by The Commission on Architecture and Urban Design; additionally, per §410-67(A)(1) any sign requiring permit located within a designated Historic District must be reviewed by the CAUD.

The Applicant has filed an application with the Planning Department of the City of Binghamton for design review by CAUD for the installation of one (1) wall sign, measuring fifty-six (56) square feet. The sign is to be located facing west on the stairwell addition on the building. The sign is not illuminated. The sign design is attached to this decision.

The Applicant has complied with all applicable procedural requirements. CAUD held the public hearing at City Hall 30 July 2013 at 12:00 pm.

City Staff presented the application. No one spoke in opposition.

After due deliberation, the Commission on Architecture & Urban Design by a 4-0-0 vote, (R. Levy, S. Massey, L. Borelli, and J. Smith in favor; none in opposition; none abstaining) determined that the application be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

1. That the sign be moved two (2) to four (4) feet down, to be closer to the existing "Goldsmith" sign in order to reduce the unsightly gap between the signs; and
2. That the sign be bolted into the mortar between the bricks and not into the bricks themselves.

Commission reviewed the proposal and used the following reasoning for its decision:

1. The spacing of the signs as presented left a very large, unappealing gap between the signs; moving them closer together improves the visual aesthetics of the building; and
2. The practice of mounting the sign into the mortar instead of the bricks is a standard practice as it is easier to repair the mortar as a future date if necessary; repairing a hole in brick is much more difficult.

This is considered a Type II Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, and no review is necessary.

Application: APPROVED

Ruth S. Levy, Chair
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Commission on Architecture & Urban Design

Aug. 5, 2013
Date

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