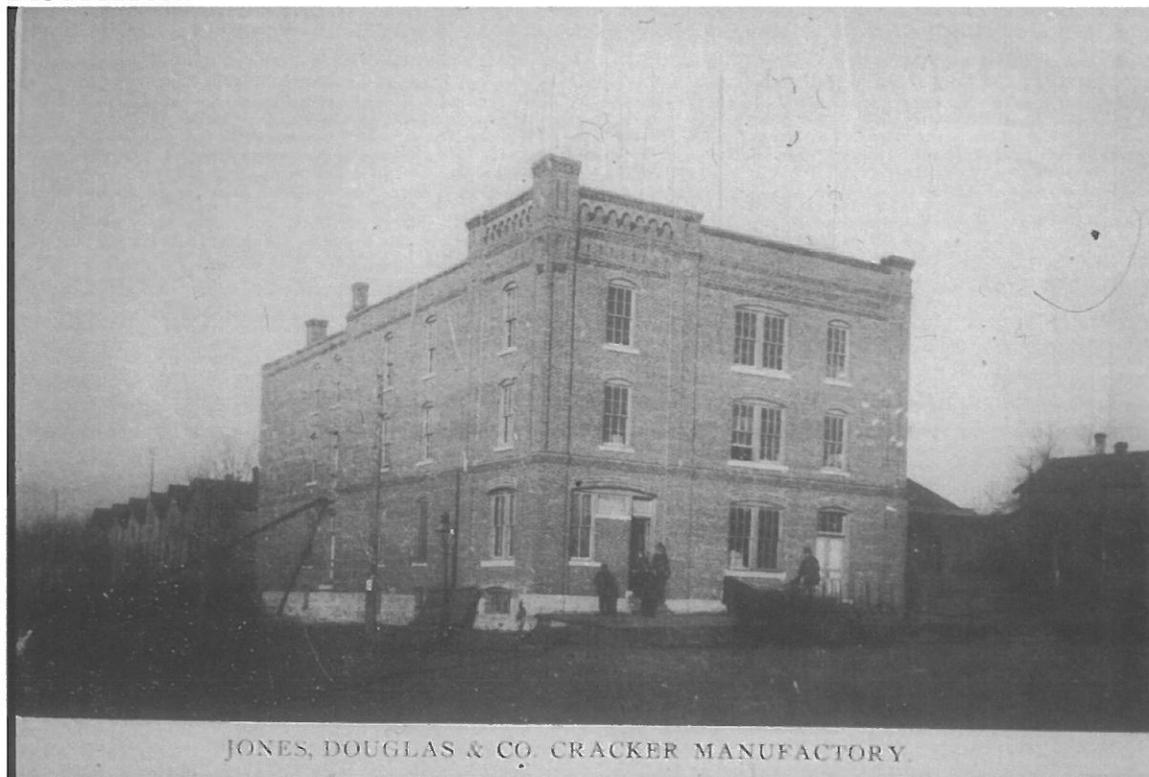


**PROPOSAL:**

Nebraska Neon Sign Company requests a certificate of appropriateness for work at 800 Q Street, the Toolhouse (former Henkle & Joyce) Building, in the Haymarket Landmark District.

**DISCUSSION:**



*Jones, Douglas & Co. Cracker Bakery, 800 Q Street, ca. 1890s*

800 Q Street was constructed ca. 1887 for a biscuit and cracker bakery. It housed a hardware warehouse from 1905, operating under the name Henkle & Joyce from 1910 into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The recent renovation of the building and its associated structures created retail space on the lower level and first floor, and apartments on the upper levels.

The current application is for two signs for a new establishment occupying the lower level, "The RabbitHole Bakery." The main sign would be affixed to the steel and concrete "dock" that wraps the south and west sides of the building. The inscription would consist of purple letters offset slightly from the white-painted aluminum background. A LED light source concealed in the top frame of the sign cabinet would "wash" the letters. To protect the sign in this location just above the sidewalk, a welded wire mesh with 1/2" openings would cover the entire face of the sign.

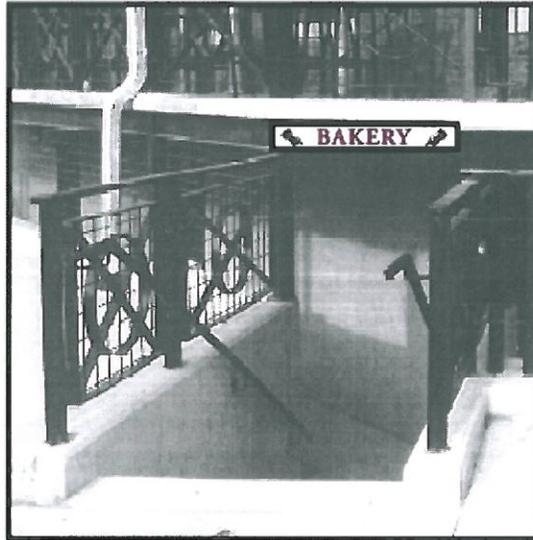


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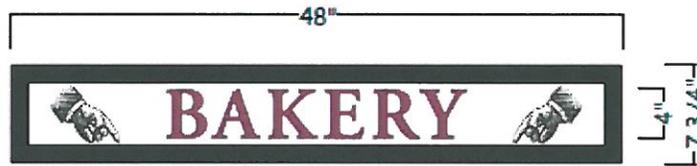
The largest letters would measure 12.5" and the overall sign cabinet would be 8.5' long.



A second sign is requested, to be installed on the edge of the dock in the recess of the supporting I-beam, above the stairs accessing the basement. It would simply read "BAKERY," in 4" letters on a 4' long cabinet, executed in the same manner as the larger sign (except for the protective covering).



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The basic type of signs requested, "wall" signs of dimension letters on a framed background, is a common type frequently proposed and approved in Haymarket. The installation resolves a challenge for a lower level location, without obscuring any historic architectural features. The lighting is essentially external lighting and seems consistent with the intent of permitted lighting methods for signs outlined in the Haymarket Special Sign District criteria.

*Recommended finding:* The signs are in keeping with the character of the building and the district.

*Recommended action:* Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

