



# CITY OF SAVANNAH

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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

**Petitioner:** FastSigns, Kryssy Hendrix

**MPC File No.:** 26-002249-COA

**Address:** 914 Montgomery Street

**PIN:** 20052 03011

**Zoning:** TC-2

**Staff Reviewer:** Alexander Merced

**Date:** May 27, 2026

#### **NATURE OF REQUEST:**

The applicant would like to install a non-illuminated wall sign above the lane facing garage door of 914 Montgomery Street.

#### **CONTEXT/SURROUNDING AREA:**

The building was constructed in 1950 and is a non-contributing resource within the National Register Victorian Historic District and the local Victorian Historic District. It fronts Montgomery street and sits between West Waldburg Street to the South and West Bolton Lane to the North. The garage door faces the former Tucker and Sons gas station and service station, now an empty building and parking lot.

#### **FINDINGS:**

The following standards from the Sec 7.9 - Victorian Historic District Ordinance apply:

***Visual Compatibility Criteria.*** To maintain the special character of the Victorian Historic District as identified in the architectural survey and visual analysis, new construction and any material change in appearance shall be consistent with the standards, criteria and guidelines developed for the district. The applicable criteria below shall be used to assess new construction and material changes. These criteria shall not be the basis for appeal to any board, commission or administrator described in this Ordinance, or to the Mayor and Aldermen.

***Signs.*** Signs, where permitted, shall be visually compatible with contributing buildings and structures to which they are visually related.

The building is on a commercial stretch of Montgomery that has multiple other businesses and signs, and the proposed sign is visually compatible with these while also being in a relatively inconspicuous location facing the lane. The criterion is met.

The following standards from the Sec. 9.9.17 - Special Sign Districts apply:

***Special Sign Districts.*** In Addition to the requirements of Sec. 9.9.1 through 9.9.13, signs in the following special sign districts shall comply with the provisions of this Section, provided that where such provisions are in conflict with any requirements of Sec. 9.9.1 through 9.9.13, the requirements of this section shall prevail.

***Neighborhood Sign District.*** The Neighborhood Sign District shall include any area located within the following districts: the Victorian Historic Overlay District, the Cuyler-Brownville Historic Overlay District, and the Streetcar Historic Overlay District.

***Special Sign Standards for the Savannah Downtown Historic, City Market, Broughton Street, Factors Walk and Neighborhood Sign Districts.***

***Ground, Projecting and Wall Signs.***

***Neighborhood Sign District.***

***Ground, Projecting Signs and Wall Signs.***

*Only one (1) ground, projecting or wall sign shall be permitted for each business establishment. Where a business establishment fronts on more than one (1) street or pedestrian walkway providing public access to the establishment, one (1) ground, projecting or wall sign for each frontage providing public access shall be permitted. If a business establishment fronts on more than one (1) street or pedestrian walkway but does not provide public access via that frontage, one (1) ground, projecting or wall sign may be located on the frontage without public access in lieu of the permitted signage on the frontage with public access. The sign area shall be calculated based on the frontage providing public access.*

*The maximum sign area shall not exceed the following:*

*B-N, TC-1, TC-2 Zoning Districts:*

*Wall Sign (max): 1 sq. ft. for every linear foot of building frontage not to exceed 40 sq. ft.*

The building has a TC-2 zoning designation and has a linear frontage of 30.6 feet. The sign will have an area of 22.5 square feet. The standard is met.

*All signs, except permitted projecting, ground or canopy/awning signs, shall be mounted flat to the façade of the building.*

*Projecting and wall signs shall be erected only on the signable area of the structure and shall not project over the roofline or parapet wall of the structure.*

*No portion of a projecting sign shall be less than eight (8) feet above the pedestrian walkway.*

All of the above standards are met.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approve the sign proposal for 914 Montgomery Street as requested because it is visually compatible and meets the standards.**

**MW: CC: APM**

**Note: This recommendation could change subject to new information provided at the Historic Preservation Commission meetings. Final decisions will be made by the Historic Preservation Commission at the public hearing based on information provided at the meeting, as well as information submitted for the staff recommendation.**