

Case No. 240055  
Address: 657 MAIN ST

### Staff Report

The applicant has submitted an application for Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 657 MAIN ST, a Contributing structure located in the ORIGINAL TOWN DEADWOOD in the City of Deadwood.

Applicant: Saloon No. 10  
Owner: OLD STYLE-SALOON NO 10 INC  
Constructed: 657 Main Street (1910/1938)

#### CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

The Historic District Commission shall use the following criteria in granting or denying the Certificate of Appropriateness:

##### General Factors:

###### 1. Historic significance of the resource:

657 Main Street: In 1880 Ben Baer and Max Fishel built a double-front brick building on this lot. Baer opened a liquor store on his half until going into partnership with Harris Franklin across the street in 1884. Fishel ran a stationary store in his half of the building. Sol Levinson moved his jewelry store here in 1909, and added a second story and a new front to the building in 1910. Bloom's Shoe and Clothing Co. was a tenant for several years during the 1920's. The Old Style took possession in 1938 and remodeled the storefront in keeping with their frontier theme. The interior has changed very little since 1938. 659 Main Street: After the fire of 1879, Bent and Deetkin built a small brick drug store on the lot adjoining what is now the Levinson block. A second story was added in 1891. The cornice featured a huge mortar and pestle, symbol of the pharmacist. Next to the drug store was J.K.P. Miller's two-story brick grocery store, also built in 1880. A small wooden commercial building on the corner lot was removed in 1888 and replaced by the Syndicate Block, built by J.K.P. Miller and others involved in mining investments, the Syndicate was a two story brick building with stained-glass windows and ornate trim. It held an almost endless variety of commercial interests on the main floor, and the second story served as a hotel and boarding house. These important historic buildings were destroyed by the fire in December, 1987, signaling the beginning of the campaign to legalize gambling with revenue to be dedicated to the preservation of Deadwood's historic resources.

###### 2. Architectural design of the resource and proposed alterations:

Replacing three front doors due to deterioration. Main floor will be exactly the same. Would like to put in rectangle window in Social Club entrance and smaller rectangle window in the gaming room door. Also replacing rooftop patio. Eliminating the round windows and replacing them with a rectangle window. The replacement doors will be white oak.

**Attachments:** Yes

**Plans:** Yes

**Photos:** Yes

##### Staff Opinion:

After submittal of the Certificate of Appropriateness the applicant decided to keep the window configurations the same and not change the oval windows to rectangle windows. The result will be no change to the current appearance of the structure.

The proposed work and changes do not encroach upon, damage, or destroy a historic resource or have an adverse effect on the character of the building or the historic character of the State and National Register Historic Districts or the Deadwood National Historic Landmark District.

**Motions available for commission action:**

**A:** Based upon the guidance found in DCO 17.68.050, I find that the exterior alteration proposed is congruous with the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural aspects of the district and MOVE to grant Certification of Appropriateness.

**OR**

**B:** Based upon the guidance found in DCO 17.68.050, I find that the exterior alteration proposed is incongruous with the historical, architectural, archaeological or cultural aspects of the district and MOVE to deny Certification of Appropriateness.