

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** 1362 STATE STREET, Authorization for Sign over Public Right-of-Way (Gallo's Appliance).  
**REPORT:** 1444-06  
**ADVICE:** Approval with Conditions

### BACKGROUND

Marie Gallo-Garabedian of Gallo's Appliance at 1362 State Street has petitioned the Board of Aldermen to suspend a sign over the City sidewalk. Gallo's existing signage which has been in place since 1973 is outdated and is proposed to be replaced by the new updated signage. The sign is circular, showing the name and logo of the business, and is proposed to be mounted on the outside wall of the building at the corner of State and Grace Streets. According to the submitted plans, the sign projects 4'6" from the fascia of the building at a height of a minimum of 9 feet above the sidewalk. The sign will be supported and mounted on a welded aluminum plate bolted to the building fascia, supported by stainless steel guy wires as specified by a licensed engineer. The sign will be illuminated by fluorescent lamps with LED illuminated channel letters. The sign itself will be 3'9" tall and wide and 1' thick.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Board of Aldermen controls encroachments on the public right-of-way under the general authority of Section 49 of the Charter and Section 15-2 of the Code or Ordinances. The façade grant review committee has approved plans for the new signage provided the Board grants permission for the overhanging sign. The Commission advises the Board in considering proposals for appurtenances over City sidewalks, and looks at suitability of design, scale, durability of product and its supports, quality of construction materials, and height above the sidewalk in the light of potential vandalism. The sign appears in good taste and will be constructed of durable materials, at an adequate height above the sidewalk. 1362 State Street is in a general business (BA) zone and is not located within a local or National Register Historic District.

The City requires an indemnity agreement where the City is held harmless from damages. A public liability insurance certificate is provided with the application.

It should be noted that although additional signage is proposed for the building, the signage before the Board is the projecting signage only.

### ADVICE

The City Plan Commission recommends approval of the proposed sign as shown in the submitted plans with the following conditions:

1. Total signage on the building frontage shall be in accord with the New Haven Zoning Ordinance.
2. The applicant shall maintain a **current** and continuous public liability certificate of insurance, acceptable to the City's Corporation Counsel.
3. The City reserves the right to revoke the privilege for the sign if hazardous to pedestrians using the sidewalk or not maintained in good repair and clean condition, or the Certificate of Liability Insurance lapses.

**ADOPTED:** September 22, 2010  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
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Executive Director