

# **Staff Report**

## **Design Review Board**

File Number: 4-C-21-DT

Meeting: 4/21/2021

**Project:** Radius Rooftop Lounge Sign Revision

**Applicant:** Alpesh Patel

### **Property Information**

**Location:** 507 S. Gay St. **Parcel ID** 94 L E 01901

**Zoning:** DK (Downtown Knoxville)

**Description:** Multi-story modern concrete hotel building with multiple commercial storefronts along Gay Street and

### **Description of Work**

Level I Sign

Revision to existing sign to increase visibility. Existing sign (reviewed and approved by the Board, 10-B-19-DT) is located to the left (south) of the canopy, with the bottom of the sign 22.02' above the sidewalk level. Due to the location of the balcony, the visibility of the existing sign is compromised, especially when approaching from the north on Gay Street or exiting the hotel.

The applicant proposes to move the existing sign outward towards the edge of the canopy, and install longer mounting brackets (7' long) so the sign is aligned with the canopy.

The sign remains a 13 sq. ft, round, non-illuminated sign (3'-7.5" in diameter).

## **Applicable Design Guidelines**

**Downtown Design Guidelines** 

Section 2.B.1. (RECOMMENDED SIGNS)

These recommendations for signs in the traditional grid district recognize that certain types of signs are more pedestrian-friendly and should be encouraged within the grid district.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- 1a. Wall signs on sign boards that are above a transom or first story and mounted flush to the building façade.
- 1b. Projecting signs of modest size (9 square feet, maximum); a larger sign must be approved by the board.
- 1c. Window signs, less than 30 percent coverage, including neon signs.
- 1d. Building name sign and/or building directory

#### **Comments**

The application involves moving an existing sign to increase the sign's pedestrian visibility. No additional signs will be added to the Embassy Suites canopy, and the non-illuminated, 13 sq. ft. hanging sign has already been reviewed and approved by the Design Review Board.

While the sign's new location won't be in the same horizontal plane of the existing projecting signs, it will be

relatively visually aligned with the Knox Mason balcony.

Building Code (3202.3.1) states signs with less than 15' of clearance above the sidewalk shall not extend into or occupy more than two-thirds the width of the sidewalk measured from the building. City Sign Code (13.5.B) states that in the DK district, signs must maintain a minimum clear height of 7' above sidewalks if non-electrified; and where signs project over public property, the sign cannot extend closer than 20" to the back of the curb of the street

### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Certificate 4-C-21-DT as submitted, with the condition that final drawings meet all applicable Building Code and City sign code requirements.

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#### DOWNTOWN DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

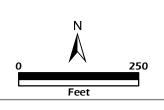
# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS



507 S. Gay St. Level 1: Sign

Original Print Date: 4/13/2021 Revised: Knoxville/Knox County Planning - Downtown Design Review Board

# Petitioner: Alpesh Patel, Knoxville Hotel Partners, LLC





## DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST

DOWNTOWN DESIGN (DK)

HISTORIC ZONING (H)

INFILL HOUSING (IH) Knoxville Hotel Partners, LLC DBA Embassy Suites Knoxville/Downtown Applicant 4-6-21 April Date Filed Meeting Date (if applicable) File Number(s) CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence related to this application should be directed to the approved contact listed below. 📕 Owner 🔲 Contractor 🔲 Engineer 🔲 Architect/Landscape Architect Alpesh Patel Knoxville Hotel Partners, LLC Name Company 308 N. Peters Road, Ste. 100 Knoxville 37922 Address State 865-560-5102 apatel@kanahotelgroup.com Phone **CURRENT PROPERTY INFO** Knoxville Hotel Partners, LLC 308 N. Peters Road, Ste. 100, Knoxville, TN 37922 Owner Name (if different from applicant) Owner Address Owner Phone 507 South Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37902 1520546 Property Address Parcel ID 6th Ward Commercial Neighborhood **AUTHORIZATION** Lindsay Crockett 4.6.21 Please Print Date Alpesh Patel 4-6-21 Applicant Signature Please Print Date

# **REQUEST**

DOWNTOWN DESIGN	Level 1:  Signs Alteration of an existing building/structure Level 2: Addition to an existing building/structure Level 3: Construction of new building/structure Site design, parking, plazas See required Downtown Design attachment for more details.  Brief description of work: lower the sign for Radius Rooftop Lounge to make it	more visible to the street.	
HISTORIC ZONING	Level 1:  Signs Routine repair of siding, windows, roof, or other features, in-kind; Installation of gutters, storm windows/doors  Level 2:  Major repair, removal, or replacement of architectural elements or materials Additions and accessory structures  Level 3:  Construction of a new primary building  Level 4:  Relocation of a contributing structure Demolition of a contributing structure  See required Historic Zoning attachment for more details.  Brief description of work:		
INFILL HOUSING	Level 1:    Driveways, parking pads, access point, garages or similar facilities   Subdivisions		
STAFF USE ONLY	ATTACHMENTS  Downtown Design Checklist  Historic Zoning Design Checklist  Infill Housing Design Checklist  ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS  Property Owners / Option Holders  Level 1: \$50 • Level 2: \$100 • Level 3: \$250 • Level 4: \$500	FEE 1: 50.00 FEE 2: FEE 3:	TOTAL: 50.00



# E M B A S S Y SUITES

by **HILTON** 

CLIENT:	Downtown Knoxville
ADDRESS:	505 South Gay Street Knoxville, TN 37902
DATE:	04-07-2021
REVISION:	
DESIGNER:	R Andree

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# Hang Mount Sign Non-Illuminated





**Existing** 

#### Proposed

Note: Where signs project over public property, the sign cannot extend closer than 20 inches to the back of the curb of the street

Note: Size of signage in relation to the building is approximate. This photo mock-up is intended for location purposes only and may not accurately represent the scale of the proposed signage to the building. A site survey is required.



520 W Summit Hill, Suite 702, Knoxville TN, 37902





This includes proper grounding and bonding of the sign.



Fluorescent, Neon and HID lamps contain Mercury (HG). Dispose of the lamps according to Local, Provincial, State or Federal Laws.

#### **Project ID**

SP2-38411 04-07-2021

Scale: NTS Sales: B Ewart Designer: R Andree

Rev. #: Date:

Revision Note:

✓ Conceptual

Information Required:









**Customer Approval** 

Signature

MM/DD/YYYY

It is the Customer's responsibility to ensure that the structure of the building is designed and constructed to accept the installation of the signs being ordered. Please ask PSG to provide further details if required.

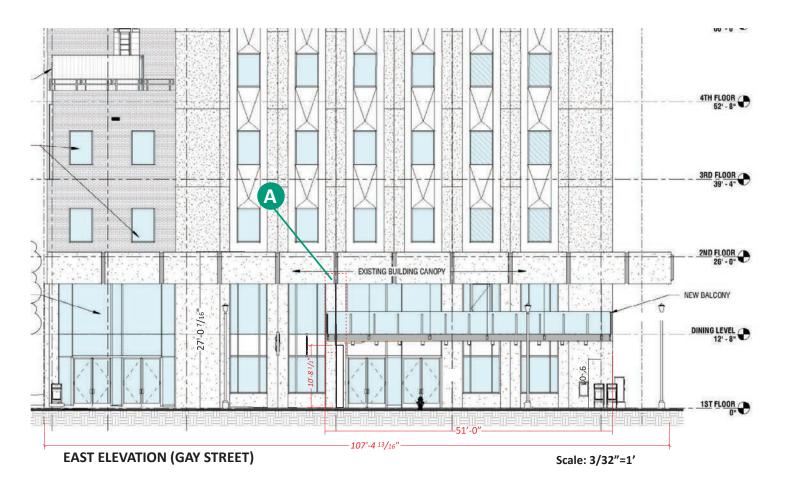
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## **Facade Elevation**

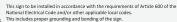


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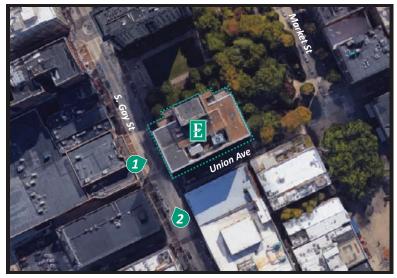




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505 South Gay Street

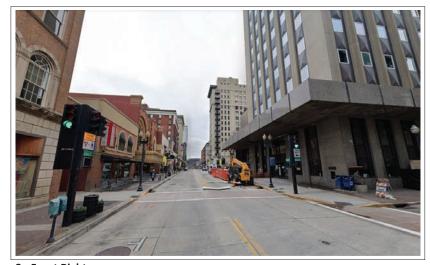
## **Surroundings**



**Site Overview** 



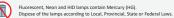
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2 - Front Right







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Master

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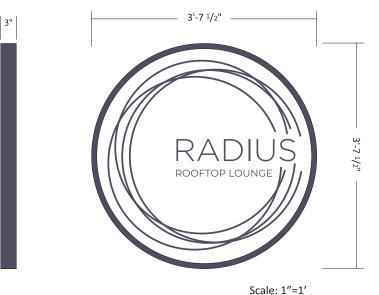
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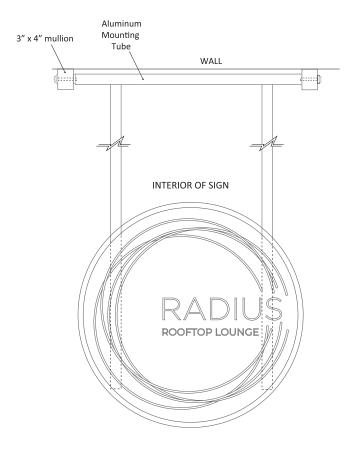
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Photos

# **Custom Non-Illuminated Round Sign**



13 Sq. Ft.

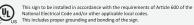


MOUNTING VIEW TBD by Engineering NTS











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