

**COMMISSION OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT  
February 27, 2018, Meeting**

7. **COA-029600-2018** (Shockoprops, LLC)

**211 North Foushee Street  
Broad Street Old and Historic District**

**Project Description:**

**Install a cellular antenna on the  
roof of a commercial structure.**

**Staff Contact:**

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The applicant requests approval to install a cellular antenna on the roof of an existing three-story brick commercial structure in the Broad Street Old and Historic District. The antenna will be mounted to the inside of a parapet wall, will extend 2.65 feet above the roof of the structure, and will be painted to match the existing flashing.

**Staff recommends approval of the project, with a condition.**

The Richmond *Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines* state that communications equipment should be located in the least visually obtrusive location on the property (pg. 68, #2). Though the antenna will be visible from the front of the building, the height of the antenna on the three-story structure and its size (27.4"x12"x6.5") will make the equipment minimally visible from the public right of way. The applicant has submitted a photo simulation of the antenna which demonstrates its visibility and has stated that mounting the antennas to the parapet wall rather than further back on the roof allows the installation to be shorter and structurally sound. As the *Guidelines* state that communications equipment should be attached in a way that is easily reversible staff recommends the antenna be mounted to the inside of the parapet wall in a way that avoids damage to the historic brick.

It is the assessment of staff that the application, with the acceptance of the condition above, is consistent with the Standards for Rehabilitation and New Construction outlined in Sections 30-930.7(b) and (c) of the City Code, as well as with the Richmond Old and Historic Districts Handbook and Design Review Guidelines, specifically the page cited above, adopted by the Commission for review of Certificates of Appropriateness under the same section of the code.