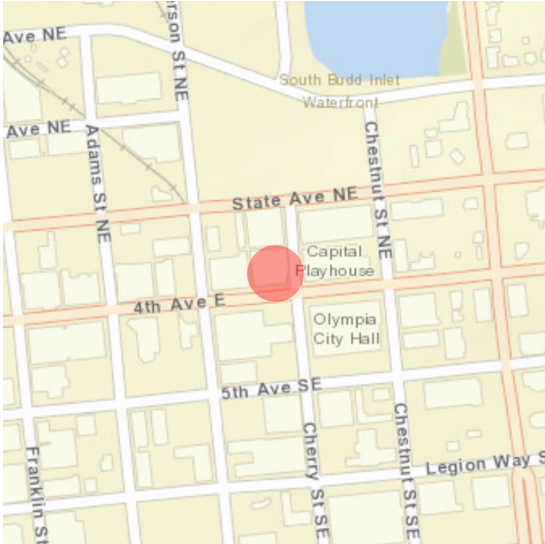


Location



Address: 520 East 4th Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501
Tax No/Parcel No: 78605300400
Plat/Block/Lot: Sylvester L6 Blk 53
Geographic Areas: Olympia Certified Local Government, Thurston County Certified Local Government, Thurston County, T18R02W47, OLYMPIA Quadrangle

Information

Number of stories: 1.00

Construction Dates:

Construction Type	Year	Circa
Built Date	1927	<input type="checkbox"/>

Historic Use:

Category	Subcategory
Commerce/Trade	Commerce/Trade - Business
Transportation	Transportation - Road-Related (vehicular)
Commerce/Trade	Commerce/Trade - Business
Transportation	Transportation - Road-Related (vehicular)

Historic Context:

Category
Commerce
Architecture
Transportation



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Property ID: 19542

Architect/Engineer:

Category	Name or Company
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Thematics:

Local Registers and Districts

Name	Date Listed	Notes
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Project History

Project Number, Organization, Project Name	Resource Inventory	SHPO Determination	SHPO Determined By, Determined Date
2017-01-00155, , Olympia Downtown Survey 2017	2/17/2017		

Photos



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Original HPI form(s)



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Inventory Details - 1/1/1900

Common name: Capitol Chevrolet (#34-699)

Date recorded: 1/1/1900

Field Recorder:

Field Site number: 722

SHPO Determination



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Property ID: 19542

Inventory Details - 2/17/2017

Common name: Capitol Chevrolet (#34-699), Ramblin Jacks
Date recorded: 2/17/2017
Field Recorder: Spencer Howard, Katie Pratt, Susan Johnson
Field Site number:
SHPO Determination

Detail Information

Characteristics:

Category	Item
Foundation	Concrete - Poured
Form Type	Commercial - One-Part Block
Roof Type	Flat with Parapet
Cladding	Terra Cotta
Cladding	Concrete - Poured
Structural System	Masonry - Poured Concrete
Plan	Rectangle

Styles:

Period	Style Details
Early 20th Century Revivals (1900-1940)	Gothic Revival

Surveyor Opinion

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: Yes
Property is located in a potential historic district (National and/or local): Yes
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local): Yes



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Significance narrative:

This building appears to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Historic register eligibility recommendations are based solely on architectural character (Criterion C), without the benefit of in-depth property research. Buildings eligible for the National Register are presumed to also be eligible for the Olympia Heritage Register. Olympia, Washington, is sited on Budd Inlet at the southernmost edge of Puget Sound. Extensive manipulation of the surrounding land and water has created the landscape of present-day downtown Olympia. The original pioneer settlement of Olympia was located on a small peninsula at the head of Budd Inlet, between the mouth of the Deschutes River and the Swantown Slough marine estuary. Bridges connected the peninsula to the land to the east and west. Steep hillsides comprised the east and west edges of the settlement before regrading to promote easy travel. Dredging efforts over the years defined the Olympia waterfront and downtown, even filling in the Swanton Slough. The waterfront formerly extended to Columbia Street on the west and Jefferson Street on the east (Stevenson, Olympia Downtown Historic District NRHP nomination, 7-1). A dam at the mouth of the Deschutes created the freshwater Capitol Lake out of a saltwater estuary, at the western edge of downtown.

This 2017 reconnaissance level survey of downtown Olympia includes a variety of building types, architectural styles, and development periods. Previous surveys and historic register nominations have provided extensive research and documentation on the history and development of this area. As part of this survey, eight development periods were identified. These periods align with the period of significance associated with the National Register of Historic Places-listed Olympia Downtown Historic District, 1850–1952. This survey and its associated report use the following development periods:

Pre-history to Early Contact. This period covers the time prior to nonnative contact when the ancestors of the Squaxin Island Tribe were the region's only inhabitants. It extends until early contact with nonnatives and initial pioneer settlement. No buildings are known to survive from this period.

1850-1888: Early Settlement and Territorial Government. Begins with the original plat for the community and continues through early settlement and Olympia's role as the territorial capital.

1889 - 1911: Statehood, Capitol City, and a New Waterfront. Begins with Washington becoming a state and covers the city's main dredging and fill efforts, which greatly altered the landscape of downtown Olympia.

1912-1928: Downtown Expansion. This period begins with new industry establishing on the waterfront area created from the Carlyon Fill. It continues through the prosperous 1910s and 1920s and the construction boom which occurred in the city.

1929-1949: Depression, WWII, and an Earthquake. This period covers the depression and war times and initial post-war growth. It ends with the 1949 earthquake which caused significant property damage.

1950 - 1968: Reconstruction and Modernization. This period covers the post-earthquake repair efforts and modern facelifts to historic buildings. It also includes a period of significant mid-century construction of architect-designed commercial buildings.

1969-1982: New Architectural Styles and Government Shift. This period covers the growth of the 1970s and the city's shift to a council-mayor form of government.

1983 – Present: Continued Growth and Revitalization. This period begins with the beginning of the city's historic preservation program and includes a wave of city improvements approved by the new form of government.



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Physical description:

Located at 520 4th Avenue East, this building is part of downtown Olympia in Thurston County, Washington. Built in 1927, this single-story building represents the Gothic Revival style. The footprint is rectangular. Historically built for a transportation (automotive) related business, the building currently has a commercial use (restaurant). The foundation and structural system both consist of poured concrete. Exterior walls are clad with terra cotta on the main facades and stucco on the alley/rear side. A flat roof with a parapet caps the building. The original plan and cladding are intact. The original windows have been at least moderately altered (one rear window has been infilled; two other rear windows have been partially covered/filled; storefronts windows have been extensively altered with new metal framed, fixed; east side transom windows are intact). The interior changes are unknown.

The character-defining features for this property include:

- Terra cotta cladding
- Highly ornate parapet
- Multi-lite wood sash transoms along east side
- Chains from former canopy along east side
- Flat roof with parapet
- Form and massing



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