

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary #: _____
HRI # _____
Trinomial _____
NRHP Status Code: _____
Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

*Resource Name or 900 East Second Street

P1. Other Identifier:

*P2. .Location: *a. County Solano

b. Address: 900 East 2nd Street

*c. City: Benicia Zip 94510

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Benicia T2N R3W MDM

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 89-053-11

*P3a. **Description** The fire museum is a circa 1930 Mediterranean Revival fire station. L-shape in plan, it has a moderately sloped cross gable roof with small gable overhangs trimmed with a plain fascia. The most distinguishing feature of the building is its double garage door openings located on the front gable end wall. The wide garage door openings are flanked by pilasters with a square capital and a molded upper casing. The doors are set back from the façade and are framed by these elaborated elements. The rest of the building is utilitarian. Cladding is stucco.

*P3b. **Resource Attributes:** HP 14

*P4. **Resources Present:** Building Structure Object Site District Element of District

P5b. Description of Photo:

Front façade, view east

*P6. **Date Constructed/Age:** 1930

Prehistoric Historic Both

*P7. **Owner and Address:**

City of Benicia
250 East L Street

P5. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



Benicia, CA 94510

*P8. **Recorded by:**

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*P9. **Date Recorded:** 11-20-05

*P10. **Type of Survey:** Intensive

Reconnaissance

Other

Describe Eligibility Evaluation

*P11. **Report Citation:** none

*Attachments: NONE Map Sheet

Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and

Object Record Linear Resource Record

Archaeological Record District Record

Milling Station Record Rock Art Record

Artifact Record Photograph Record

Other (List):

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*Resource Identifier: 900 East Second Street

*NRHP Status Code: 3D

B1. Historic Name: N/A

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Fire House

B4. Present Use: Museum

*B5. Architectural Style: Mediterranean Revival

B7. Moved? No Yes Unknown

Date: N/A

Original Location: same

*B8. Related Features: None

B9a. Architect: unknown

B9b. Builder: unknown

*B10. Significance: Theme: Benicia Downtown District Period of Significance: 1847-1940 Property Type: Fire Station
Applicable Criteria: A / C

This building is a good example of a small community fire station built after fire protection became an organized local government function and fire fighting became a profession. Although simple in form and style, it exemplifies a type of building which proliferated in small towns and cities in the 1920s and 30s. Many of these buildings have been demolished to make way for larger facilities capable of handling larger and more modern equipment. The building should be considered for listing as a contributor to the Downtown Historic District.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: N/A

B12. References: McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred Knopf (1986); Bruegmann, Robert. *Benicia Portrait of an Early California Town: An Architectural History* (San Francisco: 101 Productions (1980); Woodbridge, Sally and Cannon Design Group. *Benicia, California: Downtown Historic Conservation Plan*. City of Benicia, 1990; Sanborn Map Benicia, CA. 1886; 1986 Benicia Historic Inventory form.

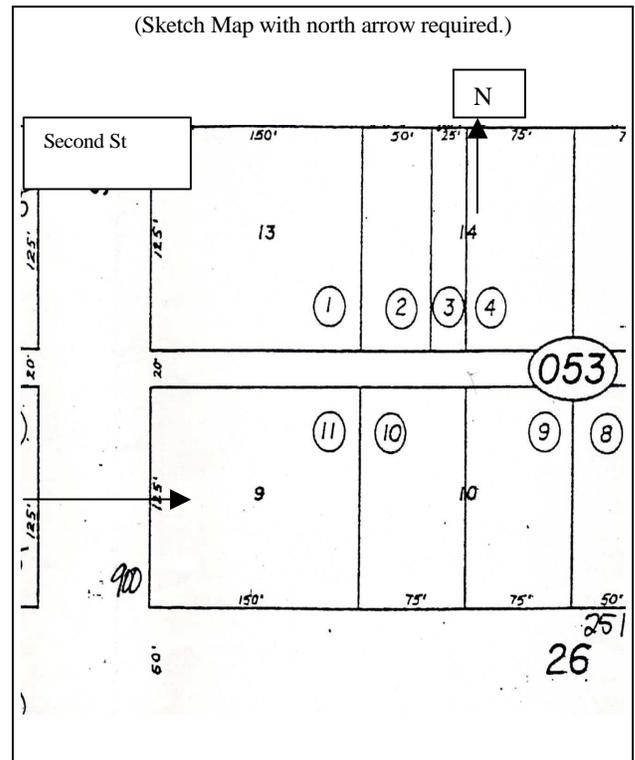
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Remarks: N/A

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B 15. Date of Evaluation: 11-22-04



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