



September 29, 2025

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**SDCL 1-19A-11.1 Consultation**

Project: 250829002S – 315 Main Ave - Facade Renovation

Location: Brookings

COB - City of Brookings

Dear Ryan,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project pursuant to SDCL 1-19A-11.1. The South Dakota Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) would like to provide the following comments concerning the effect of the proposed project on the non-renewable cultural resources of South Dakota.

On August 29, 2025, the SHPO received notification of the above-referenced project located at 315 Main Avenue in Brookings, South Dakota. The proposed project involves installing a black fabric awning across the storefront, along with replacing the storefront brick below the windows with Arizona Dry stack stone. The brick has crumbled and some materials are currently missing. This property is contributing to the Brookings Commercial Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. SDCL 1-19A-11.1 outlines a specific process that must be followed prior to any governmental action that may harm any historic property that is included in the National or State Registers of Historic Places.

Based upon the information provided, the proposed project has the potential to encroach upon, damage or destroy historic property that is included in the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Places. Specifically, stacked white stone storefronts are not compatible with the historic district.

Therefore, the SHPO is requesting an abbreviated case report regarding any feasible and prudent alternatives to the project consisting of items 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10. For item #10, please have the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission review and comment on the abbreviated case report within 180 days of receipt prior to submittal to SHPO.

This letter corrects a previous letter that was sent in error.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Duncan Trau at [Duncan.Trau@state.sd.us](mailto:Duncan.Trau@state.sd.us) or at (605)773-6005. Your concern for the non-renewable cultural heritage of our state is appreciated.

Sincerely,  
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State Historic Preservation Officer



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