



Legacy Business Registry Staff Report

Hearing Date: August 24, 2020

JHW LOCKSMITH

Application No.: LBR-2019-20-029
Business Name: JHW Locksmith
Business Address: 376 Fillmore Street
District: District 5
Applicant: John Henry White, Manager
Nomination Date: December 13, 2019
Nominated By: Supervisor Vallie Brown
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

JHW Locksmith is locksmithing business, opened by John Henry White at 376 Fillmore in April of 1977. For 43 years, JHW has severed the immediate neighborhood and beyond with key cutting, rekeys, lock installs, auto locks and other artisan key-related services from the business's original location at the intersection of Fillmore and Page Streets.

JHW Locksmith is a family-owned business and is still under sole proprietorship of John. His business is staffed by his wife, Davida, and daughter, Joy. The locksmithing craft has been carried on by John's son, who is the resident locksmith for UC San Francisco. JHW Locksmith is a staple across the city and is routinely referred by businesses and residents alike who have locksmithing needs. Since the company is solely staffed by family, JHW Locksmith does not have the time for marketing or attending events; rather, the success of the business can be attributed to word-of-mouth referrals across the city. In addition to regular locksmithing needs, JHW also has a collection of 1880s-era old skeleton-, barrel-, and steal-keys that are no longer manufactured. JHW Locksmith may be the only locksmith in the area able to reproduce these historic keys for establishments (although no supporting documents demonstrate this). JHW Locksmith closed briefly for 3 months in 2018 for the building to undergo seismic retrofitting, but otherwise has remained open for its entire 43 years of business.

The business is located in a Category A (Historic Resource Present) building on the east side of Fillmore Street at the corner of Page Street in the Western Addition neighborhood.

CRITERION 1

Has the applicant operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years?

Yes, JHW Locksmith has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years:

376 Fillmore Street from 1977 to Present (43 years)

CRITERION 2

Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?

Yes, JHW Locksmith has contributed to the history and identity of the Lower Haight neighborhood and San Francisco.

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The Historic Preservation Commission recommended the applicant as qualifying, noting the following ways the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community:

- JHW Locksmith displays the craft of locksmithing and maintains historic key-making traditions with their 1880s-era key collection.
- JHW Locksmith's building is located within the Hayes Valley Residential California Register Historic District and eligible National Register Historic District. The district is predominantly three-story residential buildings that were constructed during the late 19th and early 20th century (the period of significance in 1860-1920) and is significance for the area's architecture. The area exhibits a predominant "Victorian-era" and "Edwardian-era" architectural character, and includes styles such as Italianate, Stick-Eastlake, Queen Anne, Craftsman, and Edwardian. The property has a Planning Department Historic Resource status codes of "A" (Historic Resource Present) because of its locations within the historic district.

CRITERION 3

Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?

Yes, JHW Locksmith is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that JHW Locksmith qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) and recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- Use as a locksmith business.
- Historic 1880s key collection.

CORE PHYSICAL FEATURE OR TRADITION THAT DEFINES THE BUSINESS

Following is the core physical feature or tradition that defines the business that would be required for maintenance of the business on the Legacy Business Registry.

- Locksmith.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the San Francisco Small Business Commission include JHW Locksmith currently located at 376 Fillmore Street in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

Richard Kurylo, Program Manager
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Small Business Commission

Resolution No. _____

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Adopting findings approving the Legacy Business Registry application for JHW Locksmith, currently located at 376 Fillmore Street.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; or

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years but less than 30 years, has had no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years, has significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included in the Registry, faces a significant risk of displacement; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the neighborhood's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on August 24, 2020, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission hereby includes JHW Locksmith in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at JHW Locksmith.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain JHW Locksmith on the Legacy Business Registry:

- Locksmith.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on August 24, 2020.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Ayes –
Nays –
Abstained –
Absent –

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Legacy Business Registry

Application Review Sheet

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CRITERION 1: Has the applicant has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years?

Yes No

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CRITERION 2: Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?

Yes No

CRITERION 3: Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?

Yes No

NOTES: N/A

DELIVERY DATE TO HPG: July 21, 2020

Richard Kurylo
Program Manager, Legacy Business Program

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Member, Board of Supervisor
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Vallie Brown

December 13, 2019

Office of Small Business
Attn: Legacy Business Program
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San Francisco, 94102

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to nominate JHW Locksmith, located at 376 Fillmore Street for the Legacy Business Registry.

JHW has served the Fillmore community since 1977. This business is one of the only African American owned and operated businesses left in the lower Fillmore. As others have been pushed out by the forces of gentrification and urban renewal, John Henry White and his staff have remained committed to their central vision of providing residents with trustworthy and affordable locksmith services. They also stock an array of older keys that are not widely available anywhere else.

The neighborhood would lose an excellent locksmith with strong ties to the community, if the business were to shutter. It is for these reasons that I am pleased to nominate JHW Locksmith for the Legacy Business Registry Program. I feel that their longstanding commitment to community, their customers and to stocking unique and hard to find keys make them an excellent candidate for the program.

Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact our office by phone at: (415) 554-7630 or by email at: brownstaff@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vallie Brown".

Vallie Brown
Supervisor, District 5
City and County of San Francisco

Section One:

Business / Applicant Information.

Please provide the following information:

- The name, mailing address and other contact information of the business;
- The name of the person who owns the business. For businesses with multiple owners, identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business;
- The name, title and contact information of the applicant;
- The business's San Francisco Business Account Number and entity number with the Secretary of State, if applicable.

NAME OF BUSINESS:	
JHW Locksmith	
BUSINESS OWNER(S) (Identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business):	
John Henry White	
CURRENT BUSINESS ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE NUMBER:
376 Fillmore St. San Francisco, CA 94117	(415) 863-8118
	EMAIL ADDRESS:
	whitejohn1947@gmail.com
MAILING ADDRESS – STREET ADDRESS:	MAILING ADDRESS – CITY AND STATE:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Business Address	
	MAILING ADDRESS – ZIP CODE:
WEBSITE ADDRESS:	
FACEBOOK PAGE:	
TWITTER NAME:	
APPLICANT'S NAME:	APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER:
John Henry White	(415) 863-8118
APPLICANT'S TITLE:	APPLICANT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:
Manager	whitejohn1947@gmail.com
SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS ACCOUNT NUMBER:	
0107330	
SECRETARY OF STATE ENTITY NUMBER (If applicable):	

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Section Two:

Business Location(s).

List the business address of the original San Francisco location, the start date of business, and the dates of operation at the original location. Check the box indicating whether the original location of the business in San Francisco is the founding location of the business. If the business moved from its original location and has had additional addresses in San Francisco, identify all other addresses and the dates of operation at each address. For businesses with more than one location, list the additional locations in section three of the narrative.

ORIGINAL SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	START DATE OF BUSINESS
376 FILLMORE STREET	94117	04/1977
IS THIS LOCATION THE FOUNDING LOCATION OF THE BUSINESS?	DATES OF OPERATION AT THIS LOCATON	
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	04/1977 TO PRESENT, MONDAY TO SAYURDAY	

OTHER ADDRESSES (if applicable):	ZIP CODE:	DATES OF OPERATION
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		End:

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Section Three:

Disclosure Statement.

San Francisco Taxes, Business Registration, Licenses, Labor Laws and Public Information Release.

This section is verification that all San Francisco taxes, business registration, and licenses are current and complete, and there are no current violations of San Francisco labor laws. This information will be verified and a business deemed not current in with all San Francisco taxes, business registration, and licenses, or has current violations of San Francisco labor laws, will not be eligible to apply for the Business Assistance Grant.

In addition, we are required to inform you that all information provided in the application will become subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

Please read the following statements and check each to indicate that you agree with the statement. Then sign below in the space provided.

- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the business.
- I attest that the business is current on all of its San Francisco tax obligations.
- I attest that the business's business registration and any applicable regulatory license(s) are current.
- I attest that the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) has not determined that the business is currently in violation of any of the City's labor laws, and that the business does not owe any outstanding penalties or payments ordered by the OLSE.
- I understand that documents submitted with this application may be made available to the public for inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act and San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.
- I hereby acknowledge and authorize that all photographs and images submitted as part of the application may be used by the City without compensation.
- I understand that the Small Business Commission may revoke the placement of the business on the Registry if it finds that the business no longer qualifies, and that placement on the Registry does not entitle the business to a grant of City funds.

JOHN H. WHITE

Name (Print):

Date:

Signature:

JOHN H WHITE 11-28-16

JHW LOCKSMITH

Section 4: Written Historical Narrative

CRITERION 1

a. Provide a short history of the business from the date the business opened in San Francisco to the present day, including the ownership history. For businesses with multiple locations, include the history of the original location in San Francisco (including whether it was the business's founding and or headquartered location) and the opening dates and locations of all other locations.

JHW Locksmith was established in April 1977, providing affordable services for people in and beyond the neighborhood for over 40 years. Its location at 376 Fillmore Street (cross Page St.) was and still remains the sole location of the business.

John White is the original owner from 1977 and still remains the sole proprietor of JHW Locksmith. The business was and still remains a sole proprietorship.

For over 40 years, people from across the city have patronized JHW Locksmith for any locksmith related need. It is a family owned business that is still run primarily by John with the help of his family, specifically his wife Davida and daughter Joy.

Key cutting, lockout assistance, rekeys, lock installs and auto locks are just a few of the kinds of services provided to residences and businesses all over San Francisco. JHW has become a staple not just in the Lower Haight neighborhood but throughout San Francisco. Residents and businesses have come to rely on JHW Locksmith for all their locksmith needs. John White and JHW are routinely referred by residents and businesses across the city, particularly those that have been here for any length of time.

b. Describe any circumstances that required the business to cease operations in San Francisco for more than six months?

JHW Locksmith has never closed for more than 6 months as it has been in continuous operation for well over 40 years. The closest has been when it closed for 3 months for an earthquake retrofit on the building in 2018.

c. Is the business a family-owned business? If so, give the generational history of the business.

The business is a family-owned business, defined here as any business in which two or more family members are involved and the majority of ownership or control lies within a family. John Henry White was initially the only person operating the business and still primarily the only person operating the business. He originally had a bookkeeper, but his wife presently does the bookkeeping. When John's children expressed interest in the business, they learned the craft by

helping at the store. Today, John's son is at UC San Francisco working as the resident locksmith. Prior to that he was at JHW for 20 years.

d. Describe the ownership history when the business ownership is not the original owner or a family-owned business.

The current owner of the business, John Henry White, is the original owner.

original owner and has owned the business for less than 30 years, the applicant will need to provide documentation of the existence of the business prior to current ownership to verify it has been in operation for 30+ years. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.

Documentation of the existence of the business verifying it has been in operation for 30+ years is provided in this Legacy Business Registry application.

f. Note any other special features of the business location, such as, if the property associated with the business is listed on a local, state, or federal historic resources registry.

The historic resource status of the building that houses the business is classified by the Planning Department as Category A, Historic Resource Present, with regard to the California Environmental Quality Act. The property is listed on the California Register and is a contributor to the Hayes Valley Residential Historic District.

CRITERION 2

a. Describe the business's contribution to the history and/or identity of the neighborhood, community or San Francisco.

The trust one needs in someone that holds quite literally the locks to their homes, cars and most prized possessions is immeasurable. JHW Locksmith has earned that trust over the course of 40 years of personal relationships with the residents of San Francisco. From multi-generational families to city newcomers, JHW has earned that trust within the Lower Haight and broader San Francisco community.

In the 1990s, JHW was contracted by City Tow to make keys for all the repossessed cars by the City and County of San Francisco. Through that contract, John White forged deep relationships with the police force and local officials who have also come to rely on John not only for official locksmith needs but their personal needs and friends' personal needs. This is one of many examples of how JHW established itself as the trustworthy neighborhood locksmith for Lower Haight and every neighborhood across San Francisco.

As one Lower Height resident and new customer of JHW recently observed when he went across the city asking long time San Francisco residents from different areas who they recommend for a lock problem: "It was unanimous. 'Go to JHW,' they all said," which as it turned out was one block from his home This is indicative of the kind of identity JHW holds in San Francisco where all business has been generated by referrals and word of mouth across the city.

Additionally, there is a collection of keys that were made in the 1800s that JHW has accumulated over the years by purchasing them. It's a known collection for old skeleton, barrel and steal keys that are no longer manufactured. JHW is known to be the only locksmith that can serve legacy homes and establishments that need such keys. Fortunately, JHW has a collection on hand to match these keys of another era to reproduce them

b. Is the business (or has been) associated with significant events in the neighborhood, the city, or the business industry?

JHW is a small family business and predominantly run by one person. Unfortunately given limited resources it's unable to participate in local events as inevitably a resident always has an urgent locksmith need requiring John's attention.

c. Has the business ever been referenced in an historical context? Such as in a business trade publication, media, or historical documents?

Yelp has 4.5 star review of JHW Locksmith, which is a true voice of local residents. JHW is highly rated not just because of the professionalism of John but because the business has won a place in the hearts of its customers.

d. Is the business associated with a significant or historical person?

John White is a legendary locksmith in San Francisco as anyone who has lived any reasonable length of time in the city will know.

e. How does the business demonstrate its commitment to the community?

JHW Locksmith demonstrates commitment to the Lower Haight and San Francisco communities by meeting their locksmith and safety needs. It is a true "mom and pop shop" and one of the few left in the city, much less one from 40 years of history in the same one location. John is there every single day to serve the community. JHW is always open during business hours and beyond. When it does not have a solution to complex lock problem, it seeks to find one instead of sending customers on their way. John continues to do the work himself to maintain the trust the San Francisco community has so much of in JHW.

f. Provide a description of the community the business serves.

Most of the customers are predominantly residential homeowners, churches and small businesses throughout San Francisco. While JHW is in the Lower Haight, the customers are from throughout the city. To exemplify the trust JHW has with its customers, one homeowner in Haight-Ashbury who recently moved to Los Angeles flew John White to Los Angeles to serve his locksmith needs. That's the kind of trust this community has in JHW and the reliance it has come to have on JHW.

g. Is the business associated with a culturally significant building/structure/site/object/interior?

The building that houses JHW Locksmith is a historic structure that San Franciscans have come to recognize while driving by and walking by. The interior of JHW includes locksmith paraphernalia and keys everywhere, and the all-too-familiar smell of keys. The glass display case in the front to the workshop and the back of the store where the master of his craft John White does his work are both notable.

h. How would the community be diminished if the business were to be sold, relocated, shut down, etc.?

If JHW Locksmith were to close, it would be a loss for the city of San Francisco. The community would lose an excellent locksmith who provides trusting, affordable services. As mentioned earlier, this is a business based on trust. Without JHW, not only would a token of the neighborhood and city be lost, but a business that the city has come to put its trust in for years would be gone.

JHW has a collection of rare keys enabling the business to serve rare, old residences and businesses that cannot easily find keys. The greater San Francisco neighborhood would be at a loss for this service as they will have great difficulty finding a locksmith that stocks old and hard-to-find keys.

Additionally, JHW is in the hearts of San Francisco residents. For a 40 -year old mom and pop trade business to close would diminish the character of city and neighborhood. The city is changing quickly and we have few businesses with such rich histories left. It would be a shame to lose JHW as the community and city will lose a piece of our rich San Francisco history of which JHW has become an integral part.

CRITERION 3

a. Describe the business and the essential features that define its character.

JHW is an old Tradesmen business, a classic site with locksmith tools, kits and countless keys from the storefront to the backroom where John performs his craft. It's John's knowledge that still defines the business and its character above all else.

b. How does the business demonstrate a commitment to maintaining the historical traditions that define the business, and which of these traditions should not be changed in order to retain the businesses historical character? (e.g., business model, goods and services, craft, culinary, or art forms)

The business is committed to maintaining its historical tradition as a locksmith, providing services to residents and affordable prices. It's a craft that few study and fewer have the experience to serve in the way that JHW can.

c. How has the business demonstrated a commitment to maintaining the special physical features that define the business? Describe any special exterior and interior physical characteristics of the space occupied by the business (e.g. signage, murals, architectural details, neon signs, etc.).

The JHW Locksmith sign on the storefront has been there for 20 years. Upon entering the store, there is a glass case that also serves as the store counter, which the owner John typically sits behind. The glass case has been there for 40 years since nearly the opening of the business with all things lock related in it from keychains, to keys to tags. In addition to the store counter, the case also serves as a congregation point for neighbors to gather as a tight community. It was once broken when a customer dropped a hammer on it but still stands strong after JHW got it repaired as it's part of the iconic character of JHW. Behind the counter there is a host of equipment that only a locksmith and likely only one with John's experience would recognize, and behind that is the backroom where the master of his craft retreats when needing to focus on the work at hand.

d. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30 years; the applicant will need to provide documentation that demonstrates the current owner has maintained the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.

Not applicable.



ABE'S LIQUOR

GROCERIES COLD WINE AND BEER

J.H.W. LOCKSMITH HOME 863-8118 AUTO

ATM

378



ABES MARKET
LIQUOR

GROCERIES
COLD WINE
AND BEER

J.H.W. LOCKSMITH
HOME 863-8118 AUTO



AT

STOP

8



J.H.W. LOCKSMITH
HOME 863-8118 AUTO



Full View of inside with the owner left and Assitant
Right





KEY(S) CUT BY CODE,
ARE NON-REFUNDABLE



SPLIT KEY RINGS

C-CLIP: THE ANSWER



KEYS CODE

PUBLIC TELEPHONE

Key Tags
Identify Keys & More
Ideal for Home, Office
& Car!

Key Tags

C-CLIP

C-CLIP: THE ENGRAVED ALUMINUM KEY RING
- Clips Easily on Most Key Ring Types
- Engraving Available
- Long Lasting Color Coating
- Made from 6061 Aluminum



Keys Keys

MATRIX

ULTRACODE





These Pictures show our historical keys from the 70's





HPC Inc. 1959

PRESTO
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KG-8
KURTS
HPC Inc. 1959

KG-1
KURTS
HPC Inc. 1959

KG-3
KURTS
HPC Inc. 1959

TZ-2
KROMER
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HPC Inc. 1959

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Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BI5Hh3oVer4>

YouTube



JHW Locksmith - keys made in minutes - 376 Fillmore at Page, SF 5 4 2019

6 views • May 5, 2019

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The video player shows a man in a dark vest over a white shirt, smiling in a workshop. The background features a large wooden board covered in numerous keys. The video player interface includes a red progress bar, play/pause, volume, and full screen controls.

JHW Locksmith - keys made in minutes - 376 Fillmore

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SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Legacy Business Registry Executive Summary

HEARING DATE: AUGUST 19, 2020

Filing Date: July 22, 2020
Case No.: 2020-006873LBR
Business Name: JHW Locksmith
Business Address: 376 Fillmore (aka 378 Fillmore)
Zoning: RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District
40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 0849/022A
Applicant: John Henry White, owner
376 Fillmore Street
San Francisco, CA 94117
Nominated By: former Supervisor Vallie Brown
Located In: District 5
Staff Contact: Katie Wilborn - (415) 575-9114
katherine.wilborn@sfgov.org
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to Recommend Approval

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BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

JHW Locksmith is a locksmithing business, opened by John Henry White at 376 Fillmore in April of 1977. For 43 years, JHW has served the immediate neighborhood and beyond with key cutting, rekeys, lock installs, auto locks and other artisan key-related services from the business's original location at the intersection of Fillmore and Page Streets. JHW Locksmith is a family-owned business and is still under sole proprietorship of John. His business is staffed by his wife, Davida, and daughter, Joy. The locksmithing craft has been carried on by John's son, who is the resident locksmith for UC San Francisco. JHW Locksmith is a staple across the city and is routinely referred to by businesses and residents alike who have locksmithing needs. Since the company is solely staffed by family, JHW Locksmith does not have the time for marketing or attending events; rather, the success of the business can be attributed to word-of-mouth referrals across the city. In addition to regular locksmithing needs, JHW also has a collection of 1880s-era old skeleton-, barrel-, and steal-keys that are no longer manufactured. JHW Locksmith may be the only locksmith in the area able to reproduce these historic keys for establishments (although no supporting documents demonstrate this). JHW Locksmith closed briefly for 3 months in 2018 for the building to undergo seismic retrofitting, but otherwise has remained open for its entire 43 years of business.

The business is located in a Category A (Historic Resource Present) building on the east side of Fillmore Street at the corner of Page Street in the Western Addition neighborhood. It is within the RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Review Criteria

1. *When was business founded?*

The business was founded in 1977.

2. *Does the business qualify for listing on the Legacy Business Registry? If so, how?*

Yes. JHW Locksmith qualifies for listing on the Legacy Business Registry because it meets all of the eligibility Criteria:

- i. JHW Locksmith has operated continuously in San Francisco for 43 years.
- ii. JHW Locksmith has contributed to the history and identity of the Western Addition neighborhood and San Francisco.
- iii. JHW Locksmith is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the organization.

3. *Is the business associated with a culturally significant art/craft/cuisine/tradition?*

Yes. JHW Locksmith displays the craft of locksmithing and maintains historic key-making traditions with their 1880's-era key collection.

4. *Is the business or its building associated with significant events, persons, and/or architecture?*

No. However, the property has a Planning Department Historic Resource status codes of "A" (Historic Resource Present) because of their locations within a historic district.

5. *Is the property associated with the business listed on a local, state, or federal historic resource registry?*

Yes. JHW Locksmith's building is located within the Hayes Valley Residential California Register Historic District and eligible National Register Historic District. The district is predominantly three-story residential buildings that were constructed during the late 19th and early 20th century (the period of significance in 1860-1920) and is significance for the area's architecture. The area exhibits a predominant "Victorian-era" and "Edwardian-era" architectural character, and includes styles such as Italianate, Stick-Eastlake, Queen Anne, Craftsman, and Edwardian.

6. *Is the business mentioned in a local historic context statement?*

No.

7. *Has the business been cited in published literature, newspapers, journals, etc.?*

No, not as of the date of this Executive Summary.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business

Location(s) associated with the business:

- 376 Fillmore (also known as 378 Fillmore)

Recommended by Applicant

- Use as a locksmith business

- Historic 1880s key collection

Additional Recommended by Staff

- None

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the Historic Preservation Commission adopt a resolution recommending the business listed above be adopted by the Small Business Commission to the Legacy Business Registry.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Resolution

Legacy Business Registry Application:

- Application Review Sheet
- Section 1 – Business / Applicant Information
- Section 2 – Business Location(s)
- Section 3 – Disclosure Statement
- Section 4 – Written Historical Narrative
 - Criterion 1 – History and Description of Business
 - Criterion 2 – Contribution to Local History
 - Criterion 3 – Business Characteristics
- Contextual Photographs and Background Documentation



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Draft Resolution No. 1132

HEARING DATE: AUGUST 19, 2020

Filing Date: July 22, 2020
Case No.: 2020-006873LBR
Business Name: JHW Locksmith
Business Address: 376 Fillmore (aka 378 Fillmore)
Zoning: RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District
40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 0849/022A
Applicant: John Henry White, owner
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY NOMINATION FOR JHW LOCKSMITH CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 376 FILLMORE STREET, BLOCK/LOT 0849/022A.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the "Registry") to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the City's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on August 19, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed documents, correspondence and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry nomination.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends** that JHW Locksmith qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) as it has operated for 30 or more years and has continued to contribute to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends** safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions for JHW Locksmith.

Location(s):

- *376 Fillmore Street*

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- *Retail sales and services as a locksmith business*
- *Historic key collection*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic Preservation Commission's findings and recommendations** are made solely for the purpose of evaluating the subject business's eligibility for the Legacy Business Registry, and the Historic Preservation Commission makes no finding that the subject property or any of its features constitutes a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs** its Commission Secretary to transmit this Resolution and other pertinent materials in the case file 2020-006873LBR to the Office of Small Business August 19, 2020.

Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Hyland, Matsuda, Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: Recommendation for Approval