

VIENNA BAKERY (LAW OFFICES)

423 SOUTH MILL AVENUE

The Vienna Bakery, 1800 square feet of one-story office and commercial space on a 0.08 acre site, was originally built in 1893. Its pier-supported, individual bay, Commercial Victorian-style brick facade is the only example of this type in downtown Tempe. In 1928 the building was remodeled in the Spanish Colonial Revival style popular at the time. An additional bay was demolished sometime prior to the 1980 rehabilitation.

Originally Hudson's Drugstore, the building was home to Hodnett's Hardware & Undertaking and also served as Tempe's post office for a time. Charles Bauer, German immigrant and former employee of the Tempe Bakery, leased the building and operated it as the Vienna Bakery from 1904 to 1963.

As the first successful historic rehabilitation project in the downtown, the Vienna Bakery required creative design solutions and alternate construction methods, due to sometimes conflicting requirements of federal, state, and local agencies. The rehabilitation was completed and the property listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. It received a Tempe Beautification Award of Merit in 1981 and was again renovated in 1991.

public role: Public acquisition and assembly of land and relocation of owner occupants, tenants, and businesses, made the building available for renovation. The City provides additional parking required by this redevelopment project.

developer: original: John S. Armstrong; 1980 rehab: Mill Avenue Ventures
1991 renov: Richardson and Silverman Attorneys

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