IDENTIFICATION
1. Common name: Old Gilroy Fire Station
2. Historic name: Gilroy Fire Station
3. Street or rural address: 65 Fifth Street
   City: Gilroy Zip 95020 County: Santa Clara
4. Parcel number: 79900657
5. Present Owner: Unknown Address:
   City: Gilroy Zip 95020 Ownership is: Public Private Y
6. Present Use: Restaurant Original use: City fire station

DESCRIPTION
7a. Architectural style: Brick Commercial
7b. Briefly describe the present physical appearance of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:
   This traditionally solid-looking station building, built just before the end of World War I, is a two story structure with a flat roof. The decorative bands near the roofline are some of the breaks in the bright brick wall that faces 5th Street. Just below the bands is a row of windows, each one shaped slightly different to form a semicircular arch across the entire front. The large doorways have been filled with windows. A ramp and entry porch are across the front. The structure is a very handsome straightforward design built on a rectangular plan and in good condition. The red brick buttresses on each side of the facade, the distinctive window band; and the very simple fenestration distinguish the architecturally designed building. The simple narrow entry door is centered on the street facing facade and is surrounded by twin square garage openings which have been altered by being filled in with slightly bowed bay windows. A wooden front deck is the second major exterior alteration to the structure in its change from firehouse to restaurant. The building is in good condition and definitely represents a fine addition to the City's urban design.

8. Construction date:
   Estimated: 1916
11. Approx. property size (in feet):
    Frontage 48 Depth 67
    or approx. acreage
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s): 1986

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13. Condition: Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Deteriorated ___ No longer in existence ___

14. Alterations: ________________________________________________________________

15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land ___ Scattered buildings ___ Densely built-up ___ Residential ___ Industrial ___ Commercial ___ Other: ____________________________

16. Threats to site: None known ___ Private development ___ Zoning ___ Vandalism ___ Public Works project ___ Other: ____________________________

17. Is the structure: On its original site? ___ Moved? ___ Unknown? ___

18. Related features: ____________________________________________________________

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This brick firehouse served the residents of Gilroy for over 60 years. Designed by architect, William Bamberger, and constructed in 1916 by a prominent local contractor, William Radtke.

This was one of Radtke's earliest of many contracts from the City of Gilroy. His work, which stretched from the early 1900's to the 1960's, contained some of the largest and most important buildings in the San Jose, Salinas, and Gilroy area.

In 1978, the City of Gilroy built a new, modern fire station, and the old brick building was converted into a restaurant.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)

Architecture ___ Arts & Leisure ___
Economic/Industrial ___ Exploration/Settlement ___
Government ___ Military ___
Religion ___ Social/Education ___

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Original blueprints located at
Gilroy Historical Museum.
Gilroy Museum Files

22. Date form prepared _______ April 1982
By (name) ________________________________
Organization ______________________________
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