

Amerige Block

109-123 E. Commonwealth Avenue

1923-1925

Brick Commercial

Status: Significant Property



After deciding to demolish the St. George Hotel in 1918, George Amerige constructed a series of commercial buildings or blocks on the land where the hotel stood. This commercial block of one-story buildings represents the second in the phase of construction during the 1920s. (A series of one and two-story buildings along the east side of the 100 block of N. Harbor Boulevard was George Amerige's first phase of construction, completed by 1910.)

The structures are typical of Fullerton business buildings of the 1920s with the use of brick and glazed tile. The surface decorations include the use of at least two different colors of brick above, with the glazed tiles below at street level. Each set of buildings retains a parapet that varies in outline. The ten individual storefronts retain their original configuration with recessed entrances; only one storefront, at the west end of the block, has lost its decorative bulkhead in its front facade.

In 1994, a seismic retrofit of these buildings was completed, without altering the historic design of the storefronts.