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Coordinates: 25.9012013, -97.4993109

## IDENTIFICATION

**Parcel ID** 27860**Owner** CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**Legal description** LOT 7, 8 & 9 BLK 57 BROWNSVILLE  
ORIGINAL TOWNSITE (VOL 5 PG 13  
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## DESCRIPTION

**Type** Building - Commercial - Commercial  
block - Two-part commercial block**Stories** 2**Stylistic influences** Spanish Colonial Revival**Description notes** Theater and stores**Exterior wall materials** Stucco**General architectural description** Two-story two-part commercial block with Spanish Colonial Revival influences, a Spanish Tile roof, arched decorative window bays on the upper primary facade, a symmetrical storefront with a centrally located entrance, and cast stone detailing along and beneath the centrally located parapet.

## ROOF

**Roof shape** Flat**Roof materials** Spanish tile

## DOORS AND WINDOWS

**Door types** Double door primary entrance, Multiple  
entrances**Window types** Fixed**Door features** Transom light**Window materials** Aluminum

## HISTORY

**Current use** Vacant**Historic use** Theater**Year built** 1927-1928**Architect** Henry T. Phelps**Source for year built** 2000 Survey**Source for architect** 2000 Survey**Historic name** Capitol Theater**Builder** H.A. Jones Construction Company**Source for historic name** 2000 Survey**Source for builder** 2000 Survey**History notes** 2000 History: Constructed as part of the development of the entire 1100 block of E. Levee, along with Hotel El Jardin, Missouri Pacific Station, etc., bringing Spanish Mediterranean Revival style of Brownsville commercial district. The city's largest and most elegant movie palace. Historic interior entirely removed. 2000 Biblio: TGCAMB 8/1927.

## INTEGRITY

**Additions** None visible**NRHP aspects of integrity** Workmanship, Feeling, Association,  
Setting, Location, Materials, Design**Alterations** Vacant, Doors and windows boarded

## PRIOR DESIGNATIONS

**Prior priority ranking** High**Prior survey ID** 65**Prior local designations** Local landmark**Prior photo ID** Roll 11:Frame 30

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**Priority ranking** High**NRHP level of significance** Local**Recommended local designations** Primary local site**NRHP areas of significance** Entertainment, Architecture**Recommended state designations** RTHL**NRHP period of significance** 1927-1971**Recommended NRHP designations** Recommended contributing to an NRHP  
district**Recommendation notes** Brownsville Historic District**NRHP criteria** A, C

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