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TIGER HOTEL

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The Tiger Hotel is a ten-story commercial structure at the corner of Eighth and Cherry Streets in the heart of Columbia's central business district. The building, faced with red brick and ornamented with cream-colored terracotta, is the only historic Columbia hotel which has survived in near-original integrity.

The hotel is a reinforced concrete structure with face walls of red brick laid in common bond in Flemish variation. Cream-colored, glazed terracotta provides embell-ishment at the base and attic levels. The building measures 100' by 102'3" at the first and second stories. The remaining eight stories rise from the eastern half of that area, measuring 49'3" by 102'3". The building has a full basement and a sub-basement which contains the boiler room.

The first floor is entirely faced in terracotta, with stone quoins accentuating the corners. A terracotta cornice marks the transition to the floor above, which is faced in brick and ornamented with terracotta. Large rectangular windows alternating with pilasters define the central six bays of that story. Terracotta keystones embellished with female heads cap the flat brick arches of those windows. Large windows with ornamental terracotta enframements flank the central six bays. Scrolled buttresses and lavish cartouches surmounted by female heads embellish the eared surrounds of those windows.

A projecting terracotta cornice separates the base from the seven-story shaft above. A modillioned cornice tops the central six bays of the shaft, while a shallower cornice trims the remainder of the building. The attic rises one story above and is surmounted by a parapet wall above the central six bays. Large terracotta urns add a crowning touch to the structure.

The interior lobby and ballroom retain much of their original integrity. The lobby is highlighted by twenty-foot ceilings and maple panelling. Large piers with classicizing mouldings and applied tigers heads dominate the lobby space. Several original stained glass lights, including one central chandelier and eight smaller fixtures, remain in the lobby. The mezzanine level contains a ballroom with fifteen-foot ceilings and crystal chandeliers. The original oak parquet floor remains, and the ceiling is bordered with elaborate moulding.

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The Tiger Hotel is significant as an historic commercial structure within the central business district of Columbia. The hotel retains its original exterior integrity and continues to serve the community in its original capacity. It has served as a meeting place for influential Missourians for the last half century and should continue to serve Columbia and Missouri for another half century.

The Tiger Hotel is further significant in the development of Columbia. The building was hailed as a symbol of the growth and importance of Columbia to Missouri. As expressed in a 1928 edition of the <u>Columbia Daily Tribune</u>, the Tiger Hotel was. "the project of Columbia men who believe in this city's future, and it bespeaks a progress that is characteristic of Columbia's commercial and business world."

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