15. FIRE BELL
629 Second Street
(1894)

Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution: November 18, 1991  Designated by City Council: April 28, 1992

Historic Significance: The Fire Station Number 2 fire bell was originally installed at the old 10th Street Fire Station as part of the wooden hose tower. It remained at that location until Arbor Day 1928 when it was moved to Graceada Park and installed on a pedestal. At that time it was dedicated to commemorate the city's volunteer fire fighters. In the 1970s, when Needham Avenue was widened, the bell was moved to the park's children's play area. In 1990, with the help of the firefighters and E. Clampus Vitas, the bell was moved to Fire Station Number 2 and placed on a pedestal for permanent display.

Update 9/7/2023 - After the demolition for Fire station 2 (Landmark 7) was demolished, the fire bell was moved to its new location on Chicago Avenue.