

February 9, 2022

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202200272  
**From:** John Curp, Interim City Manager  
**Subject:** Designating the Benjamin Stewart Home at 5540 Madison Avenue in Madisonville

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Transmitted is an Ordinance captioned:

**DESIGNATING** the Benjamin Stewart Home located at 5540 Madison Road in the Madisonville neighborhood as a historic landmark.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the designation at its February 4, 2022 meeting.

**Summary:**

On November 2, 2021, a complete local historic landmark designation application was submitted to the Department of City Planning and Engagement for the Benjamin Stewart Home by the Madisonville Community Council and PLK Communities. According to the Cincinnati Zoning Code, an application for the designation of a local historic landmark shall be forwarded to the City Planning Commission following a public hearing of the Historic Conservation Board.

On December 20, 2021, the Historic Conservation Board (HCB) held a public hearing on the local historic landmark designation application. The Historic Conservation Board members present throughout the hearing and constituting a quorum, voted unanimously to recommend Benjamin Stewart Home Building to the City Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

The City Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve and forward the application to City Council after considering the relationship of the proposed designation to the comprehensive plans of the city and of the community in which the proposed local historic landmark is located; the effect of the proposed designation on the surrounding areas and economic development plans of the city; and other planning and historic preservation considerations.

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on February 4, 2022 to City Council:

- 1) **APPROVE** the proposed designation of the Benjamin Stewart Home as a Local Historic Landmark at 5540 Madison Road under Criterion 2 and 3 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code (§1435-07-1a) and;
- 2) **ADOPT** the conservation guidelines for the Benjamin Stewart Home.

cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, AICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement