

December 1, 2021

Cincinnati City Council  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Members of Council:

We are transmitting herewith an Emergency Ordinance captioned as follows:

**DESIGNATING** the St. Mark's Church Building located at 3500 Montgomery Road in the Evanston neighborhood as a local historic landmark.

**Summary:**

On August 23, 2021, a complete local historic landmark designation application was submitted to the Department of City Planning and Engagement for the St. Mark's Church Building by the Evanston Community Council. 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 October 11, 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 St. Mark Church 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 November 19, 2021, to City Council:

- 1) **APPROVE** the proposed designation of St. Mark's Church Building as a local historic landmark at 3500 Montgomery Road in Evanston under criterion 3 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code (§1435-07-1a) and;
- 2) **ADOPT** the conservation guidelines.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Smitherman

Ayes:

Ms. Long

Seconded: Ms. Long

Ms. McKinney

Mr. Samad

Mr. Smitherman

Mr. Stallworth

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



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

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To: Sheila Andrews, Office of the Clerk of Council

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Copies to: Stacey Hoffman, Senior City Planner, Department of City Planning and Engagement

Subject: Scheduling of Emergency Ordinance – Designating St. Mark Church Building as a Local Historic Landmark

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The above referenced Emergency Ordinance is to be scheduled for the Economic Growth and Zoning Committee. This item has been requested to be placed on the next available Economic Growth and Zoning Committee meeting following the required two-week notification period.

Included in this submission are the following items:

- 1) The transmittal letter to the Mayor and City Council;
- 2) A copy of the City Planning Commission staff report dated November 19, 2021;
- 3) The Emergency Ordinance designating St. Mark Church Building;
- 4) Mailing labels for the notice of the public hearing at the Economic Growth and Zoning Committee; and
- 5) A copy of the mailing labels for your file.