

January 10, 2024

**To:** Mayor and Members of City Council 202400066  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** Emergency Ordinance – Designating the St. Leo the Great School Building located at 2569 St. Leo Place in the North Fairmount neighborhood as a historic landmark.

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Transmitted is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**DESIGNATING** the St. Leo the Great School Building located at 2569 St. Leo Place in the North Fairmount neighborhood as a historic landmark.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the designation at its January 5, 2024 meeting.

Summary

On October 11, 2023, a complete Local Historic Landmark designation application was submitted to the Department of City Planning for the St. Leo the Great School Building by 2569 St. Leo, LLC. 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 4, 2023, the Historic Conservation Board (HCB) held a public hearing on the Local Historic Landmark designation application. A majority of board members present throughout the hearing and constituting a quorum, voted to recommend the St. Leo the Great School 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 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 January 5, 2024 to City Council:

**APPROVE** the proposed designation of St. Leo The Great School Building as a Local Historic Landmark at 2569 St. Leo Place in North Fairmount under Criteria 1 and 3 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code (§1435-07-1a); and

**ADOPT** the conservation guidelines.

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