

**POLICY STATEMENT OF THE  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY HISTORIC BUILDINGS COMMISSION  
REGARDING ST. LOUIS COUNTY LANDMARKS**

This Policy Statement of the St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission (the “HBC”) regarding St. Louis County Landmarks (the “Policy Statement”)<sup>1</sup> provides as follows:

WHEREAS, since approximately 1970, the HBC has labeled as landmarks buildings located in St. Louis County, regardless of political jurisdiction or boundary, that have historic, architectural or other significance (“County Landmark”) and has recognized historic significance through publications and awards; and

WHEREAS, since August 11, 1983, pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance 1007.040(4), the HBC makes comments and recommendations to the St. Louis County Planning Commission on petitions for landmark and preservation area designation pursuant to St. Louis County Ordinance 1003.191 (“LPA”); and

WHEREAS, the HBC acknowledges that only a small percentage of eligible historic buildings, sites, structures, monuments and neighborhoods of historic, architectural, cultural or archaeological significance (“Historic Site”) will obtain the LPA designation; and

WHEREAS, consistent with its powers and duties to “promote increased public awareness of the value of historic, architectural and cultural preservation” and to “research, identify and inventory sites” pursuant to Chapter 1007.040 of the St. Louis County Ordinances, the HBC states its policy as follows:

1. The HBC deems any building or site included in its publications listed below as a County Landmark:

*100 Historic Buildings in St. Louis County, 1970*  
*Historic Buildings in St. Louis County, 1983; second edition 1985*  
*The Past In Our Presence, 1996*

2. Historic Sites not included in the above publications may be labeled County Landmarks by a majority vote of the HBC. Prior to such vote, the HBC shall review any information on the Historic Site it deems necessary, including information provided on a standard Historic Inventory Form. Criteria used to determine eligibility shall be those defined in St. Louis County Ordinance 1007.040(3):

- (1) Has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, or the United States.

- (2) Is the site of a significant historic event.

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- (3) Is the work of a designer whose individual work has significantly influenced the development of the St. Louis region, State of Missouri or United States.
- (4) Contains elements of design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship which represent a particular architectural style or significant innovation.
- (5) Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristic represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the County of St. Louis.

This Policy Statement was approved and adopted by the HBC by majority vote of those members currently serving at its regular meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Jane Gleason, Chairman

Note 1: This Policy Statement is issued by the HBC consistent with its powers and duties to “establish and articulate policy with respect to historic preservation in St. Louis County” pursuant to Chapter 1007.040 of the St. Louis County Ordinances.