

Ordinance

Ordinance No. 10

OF THE
CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

Date..2-21-2024.....
Date to Mayor..3-21-2024....

Approved as to Form and Legality on Basis of Facts Set Forth

Factual contents certified to by

Assistant City Solicitor/ Karl Timbers

Director of Planning & Development/s/ Jacques Howard

Prepared by the City Solicitor's Office

Council Members ALL COUNCIL Present the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BUILDING, 1408 PACIFIC AVENUE, AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK

WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Historic Preservation Commission has recommended that the Knights of Columbus Building located at 1408 Pacific Avenue be designated a Historic Landmark due to its "Character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City..." as the criteria in Section 148-12B of the Atlantic City Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed landmark has significance under Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places and the criteria provided in Chapter 148-12B of the Atlantic City Code. Furthermore, the building meets the first criterion in the Atlantic City Historic Ordinance for inclusion (Section 148-12B.1) "possess[ing] character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, State or Nation...", and

WHEREAS, the building has local significance under Criterion A in the areas of Commerce and Politics/Government. The local significance under Criterion A is relevant to the building's purpose as an alternative fraternal/social/beneficial society for the growing Catholic population in Atlantic City during the early years of the 20th century. The Knights of Columbus founding goal was "to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith, and to provide for the families of deceased members." Societies such as the Masons were regarded with suspicion by the Catholic Church which was wary of Protestant heresy. The Knights of Columbus building represented a safe space for Catholic (men)to gather, socialize, and express their faith at a time when Catholics, particularly immigrants, were regarded with distrust and, often, outright discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Master Plan, September 2008, identifies structures of potential historic or architectural significance and specifically identifies the Knights of Columbus Building at 1408 Pacific Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic City Master Plan recommends that the City pursue designation as a Certified Local Government and explore various funding resources for local preservation and since the City created a Historic Preservation Commission and became a Certified Local Government in 2021 it now qualifies to designate Historic Landmarks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Atlantic City hereby designates the Atlantic City Knights of Columbus Building, located at 1408 Pacific Avenue (Block 53, Lot 1) as an Historic Landmark.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this designation shall be made public by publication in the official newspaper of the City and by distribution to all municipal agencies reviewing development applications and permits. A certified letter shall be sent to the owner of record.

March 20, 2024 2-F

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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	MOT.	SEC.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	MOT.	SEC.
CROUCH	X					X	SHABAZZ	X				X	
DUNSTON	X						TIBBITT	X					
KURTZ	X						WEEKES	X					
MARSHALL	X						ZIA	X					
RANDOLPH, PRESIDENT								X					
X-Indicates Vote NV-Not Voting AB-Absent MOT-Motion SEC-Second													

Adopted on first reading at a meeting of the Council of the City of Atlantic City, N.J. on ...FEBRUARY 21, 2024.....
 Adopted on second and final reading after hearing on...MARCH 20, 2024.....

Approved By.../s/ *M. Alse* Date... 3-22-24 By Council..... Ride _____
 Mayor _____ Reconsidered _____ Over _____
 Aye _____ Nay _____

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Ordinance on file in the City Clerk's Office.

/s/ *Paula Geletei* PAULA GELETEI, City Clerk