

ORDINANCE

Jackson Storage and Van Company Warehouse

3609-3611 W. Cermak Rd.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Municipal Code of Chicago (the "Municipal Code"), Sections 2-120-620 through -690, the Commission on Chicago Landmarks (the "Commission") has determined that the Jackson Storage and Van Company Warehouse (the "Building"), located at 3609-3611 W. Cermak Rd., Chicago, Illinois, as more fully described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein, satisfies two criteria for landmark designation as set forth in Section 2-120-620 (1) and (4) of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Building is emblematic of changing social patterns that emerged in America after World War I and increased through the boom years of the 1920s, especially the increased mobility of American households, urbanization that resulted in families living in smaller apartments, and increased consumption of household goods, some of which like pianos, furs, and wool rugs that required special storage; and

WHEREAS, to meet the demands for increasing mobility and storage, the Jackson Storage and Van Company was part of the household goods and storage industry that emerged and developed throughout the nation during the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, the design of the Building is inspired by Venetian Gothic architecture, and specifically that city's Doge's Palace. Examples of Venetian Gothic architecture are rare in Chicago and the nation; and

WHEREAS, with its tapestry brick façade and terra cotta ground level arcade, the Building displays a high degree of design and craftsmanship in these traditional materials; and

WHEREAS, the Building is an example of a household storage and moving warehouse, a building type found throughout Chicago characterized by limited fenestration and designs that, when successful, reduce the monolithic character of this building type through ornament and detail; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 2-120-630 of the Municipal Code, the Building has a significant historic, community, architectural, or aesthetic interest or value, the integrity of which is preserved in light of its location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and ability to express such historic, community, architectural, or aesthetic interest or value; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2024, the Commission adopted a resolution recommending to the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") that the Building be designated a Chicago Landmark; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are hereby adopted as the findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. The Building is hereby designated a Chicago Landmark in accordance with Section 2-120-700 of the Municipal Code.

SECTION 3. For purposes of Sections 2-120-740 and 2-120-770 of the Municipal Code governing permit review, the significant historical and architectural features of the Building are identified as:

- All exterior elevations, including rooflines, of the Building.
- The Batchelder tile water fountain in the first-floor office.

The common brick east and west elevations of the Building are devoid of architectural treatment and secondary. The Commission may approve more significant changes to these elevations to support new uses of the Building. The foregoing is not intended to limit the Commission's discretion to approve other changes.

Additional Guidelines—General

Pursuant to Section 2-120-740 of the Municipal Code, on May 2, 2024, the Permit Review Committee of the Commission approved, with conditions, a pre-permit submission, including drawings, for a proposed 24'-9" high by 3'-0" wide blade sign mounted to the front façade at 20'-3" above grade. (the "P.R.C. Project").

Notwithstanding the foregoing significant historical and architectural features listed above, the proposed sign contained in the P.R.C. Project shall be permitted.

SECTION 4. The Commission is hereby directed to create a suitable plaque appropriately identifying the Building as a Chicago Landmark.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.