

ORDINANCE

Humboldt and Sacramento Extension to the Logan Square Boulevards District

Primarily the 1600- to 1800-blocks of North Humboldt Boulevard, the 1000- to 1100-blocks of North Sacramento Avenue, and the East Side of the 900-block of North Sacramento Boulevard

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 Humboldt and Sacramento Extension to the Logan Square Boulevards District (the "Extension District"), located primarily on the 1600- to 1800-blocks of North Humboldt Boulevard, the 1000- to 1100-blocks of North Sacramento Avenue, and the East Side of the 900-block of North Sacramento Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and legally described in **Exhibit 1** and depicted in **Exhibit 2**, attached hereto, satisfies four (4) criteria for landmark designation as set forth in Sections 2-120-620 (1), (4), (5), and (6) of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Extension District exemplifies the high-quality residential architecture constructed in Chicago's neighborhoods during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as the City expanded outward into once-suburban areas, especially along the "necklace" of landscaped boulevards that linked the City's large nineteenth-century parks; and

WHEREAS, the Extension District is one of the finest-remaining sections of the park boulevard system that were authorized by the Illinois State legislature in 1869 and platted and improved in the quarter-century afterwards, and reflect this nationally significant planning effort; and

WHEREAS, the Extension District is a distinctive and remarkably intact group of single-family houses, small flat buildings, larger apartment buildings, and other buildings built between 1880 and 1929; and

WHEREAS, the Extension District is distinctive for the fine detailing and craftsmanship seen in such building elements as cornices, porches, windows and doors, the overall collection of stylistic examples, ranging from excellent to modest, illustrating Classical Revival, Queen Anne, Romanesque Revival, Gothic Revival, Spanish Revival and Arts and Crafts influences, and for the high-quality use of materials including brick, stone, wood and metal; and

WHEREAS, the landscaped boulevards of the Extension District exemplify the importance of architect William LeBaron Jenney and landscape architect Jens Jensen, who were instrumental in their planning and historic appearance; and

WHEREAS, the Extension District displays a distinct visual unity based on the landscaped boulevards themselves, combined with a consistent scale, building setbacks, design, size, use of materials, and overall detailing for the Extension District's buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Extension District possesses a distinctive and recognizable sense of

place within the larger context of its neighborhoods of West Town, Humboldt Park and Logan Square; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 2-120-630 of the Municipal Code, the Extension District 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 November 6, 2025, the Commission adopted a resolution recommending to the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") that the Extension District 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 Extension District 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 Extension District are identified as:

- All exterior building elevations, including rooflines, visible from public rights-of-way; and
- the landscaped boulevards within the Extension District.

SECTION 4. 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 5. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of its passage and approval.