



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS

City Clerk

May 12, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL,

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of the Old North Church and Campus, 193 Salem Street, Boston, MA.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on April 22, 2025 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on May 7, 2025.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (June 6, 2025), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully

Alex Geourntas

City Clerk

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

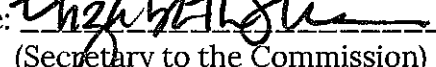
PROPERTY: The Old North Church and Campus, 193 Salem Street, Boston, MA

STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the section titled "Standards and Criteria" included in the study report for the subject property.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

Date approved: 04/22/2025

Signature: 
(Secretary to the Commission)


PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

Date: APR 30 2025

DECISION OF THE MAYOR:

☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved

Date: MAY 07 2025

Signature: 
(Mayor)

(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY THE MAYOR:

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Date: _____

DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

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Date: _____

Signature: _____
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RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
MAYOR, VIZ:

The Old North Church and Campus, 193 Salem Street, Boston, MA

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: The Old North Church and Campus, 193 Salem Street, Boston, MA

VOTED: That on April 22, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates the Old North Church and Campus at 193 Salem Street as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

John Amodeo
David Berarducci
John Freeman

Jeffrey Gonyeau
Jeffrey Heyne
Kirsten Hoffman

Felicia Jacques
Justine Orlando
Fadi Samaha

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

The Old North Church and Campus, formally known as Christ Church, is located at the general address of 193 Salem Street, Boston, MA 02113. The campus occupies several parcels, measuring 16,062 square feet in area, situated on Salem Street between Tileston Street and Charter Street in the North End neighborhood of Boston.

The Old North Church Campus includes five buildings, each of which has historic significance, that are linked together by brick walkways, courtyards, and small gardens into a single complex. The entire campus is a National Historic Landmark, in total occupying 183 to 193 Salem Street, 6, 12, 14, 16, and 18 Unity Court, 21 Unity Street, and 6 and 8 Salem Court.

Behind the Old North Church, the Paul Revere Mall (not included in the proposed designation) links Unity Street to Hanover Street.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

According to the City of Boston's Assessing Department, the parcel numbers and addresses for all parcels associated with the proposed Landmark are listed below.

(Also see the attached maps on page 3 of this document.)

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Parcel Number	Address (if applicable)	Parcel Name (if applicable)
0302114000	191 Salem Street	Church
0302116000	193 Salem Street	Church House
0302117000	195 Salem Street	The Old North Church Parish Office and Old North Foundation
0302113000	Salem Street	Gift Shop
0302145000	Unity Court	Washington Courtyard
0302144000	Unity Court	Washington Garden
0302143000	Unity Court	Washington Garden
0302146000	Unity Court	Unity Court Stairs to Third Lantern Garden
0302147000	6 Unity Court	Third Lantern Garden
0302112000	Salem Court	St. Francis Terrace
0302111000	Salem Court	St. Francis Terrace
0302152000	Unity Street	18th Century Garden
0302151000	21 Unity Street	Clough House

(see next page for maps)



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City of Boston
Mayor Michelle Wu

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk, City of Boston
Boston City Hall - Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

April 29, 2025

RE: Petition #265.19 – The Old North Church and Campus, North End, Boston

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On April 22, 2025, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Old North Church and Campus in the North End as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

According to the Landmarks Commission's statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor approves the designation, they sign and date the provided signature page. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they return the signature page to the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

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Mayor Michelle Wu

The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of the City of Boston
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

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Dear Mayor Wu:

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The Christ Church in the City of Boston, familiarly known as "Old North," is one of the most historically significant churches in America. Built between 1723-1740 on Salem Street in Boston's North End, Old North is famous for the two lanterns that were placed in its steeple on the night of April 18, 1775 to signal to the Sons of Liberty in Charlestown that British troops were marching to Lexington and Concord by the shortest route across the Charles River. The Old North Church and Campus became an internationally recognized symbol of freedom thanks to the poem "Paul Revere's Ride," written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1860 on the eve of the Civil War.

In addition to its significance as a symbol of American patriotism, Old North also has strong ties to English traditions. It is the oldest standing church building in Boston, and a rare example of Georgian architecture built in the style of Sir Christopher Wren.

Today, researchers are working to uncover additional facets of Old North's significance by illuminating the stories of those who have been previously excluded from the broader historical narrative of the church, including its Black and Indigenous members.

While the building has been excellently preserved and maintained under the stewardship of the Corporation of Christ Church in the City of Boston and Old North Illuminated (formerly known as the Old North Foundation), designation of the Church and campus as a Boston Landmark would provide binding legal protection in perpetuity against demolition or inappropriate alterations.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Old North Church and Campus in the North End as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva
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