



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

December 4, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL,

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of the Jewelers Building, 371 – 379 Washington Street, Boston, MA.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on November 26, 2024 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on December 3, 2024.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (January 3, 2025), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Geourntas".

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

cc Murry G. Miller, Director, Office of Historic Preservation
Boston Landmarks Commission

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

PROPERTY: The Jewelers Building, 371-379 Washington Street, Boston, MA

VOTED: That on November 26, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates the Jewelers Building at 371-379 Washington Street as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

David Berarducci
John Freeman
Jeffrey Gonyeau

Richard Henderson
Jeffrey Heyne
Felicia Jacques

Fadi Samaha
Brad Walker
Angela Ward-Hyatt

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

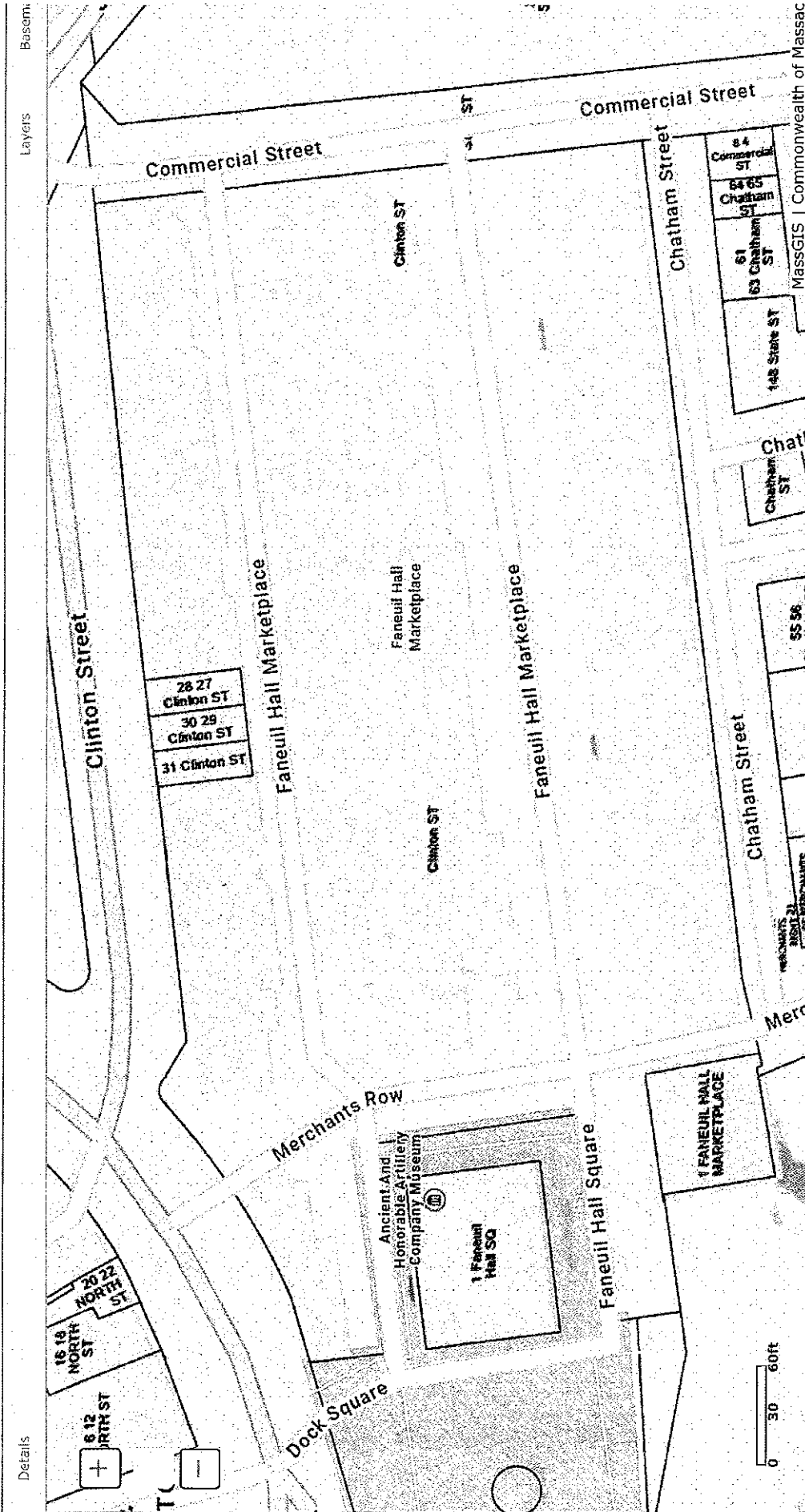
The Jewelers Building was developed between 1897 and 1904 for retail and commercial office use. Jewelry and watch businesses have occupied the building since its construction, accompanied by professional offices in recent decades. The northern part, occupying the corner of Bromfield and Washington Streets, was constructed in 1897-1898. The southern part was constructed between 1902 and 1904. The Jewelers Building is located in Boston's Central Business District (CBD). The structure rises 10 stories above the sidewalk to a flat roof.

The Jewelers Building is architecturally and historically significant on the local, state, and New England levels for several reasons. It is a commanding example of large-scale, steel-frame commercial architecture built at the turn of the 20th century in Boston's Central Business District. It is notable for its use of thin-skinned terra cotta cladding with unusually vibrant sculptural ornament, and its harmonious interpretation of Beaux Arts, Spanish Renaissance, and Classical Revival styles. It is also notable as the work of two prolific architectural firms, Winslow & Wetherell, and Arthur Bowditch, as well as one of the foremost building contractors in the nation in the late 19th and 20th centuries, George A. Fuller & Co.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 371-379 Washington St., Boston, parcel number 0304734000.

Massachusetts Interactive Property Map





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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

December 2, 2024

RE: Petition #110.86 - The Jewelers Building, Boston

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On November 26, 2024, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate the Jewelers Building in the Central Business District 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 disapproves the designation, they file the designation form with 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) 918-4273 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Alexa Pinard
Interim Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

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

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The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of the Jewelers Building in the Central Business District as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 918-4273 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Alexa Pinard
Interim Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

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

Designation as a Landmark - Petition #110.86 - The Jewelers Building,
371 – 379 Washington Street, Boston.

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

PROPERTY: The Jewelers Building, 371-379 Washington Street, Boston, MA


STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the section titled: "8.0 Standards and Criteria, with List of Character-Defining Features" included in the study report for the subject property.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

Date approved: 11/26/2024

Attest:



(Secretary to the Commission)

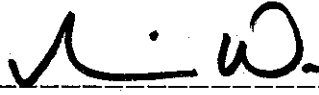
PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

DEC - 3 2024

(Date)

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

Date approved: 12/3/24

Signature: 

(Mayor)

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

DEC - 4 2024

(Date)

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date approved: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)