

May 22, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order approving the Boston Landmarks Commission's acceptance of a Preservation Restriction on St. James African Orthodox Church, 50 Cedar Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 0211. St. James African Orthodox Church has historic significance to the City, and the owner, 50 Cedar Street Holdings LLC, wishes to convey a historic preservation restriction on the exterior features of the building to the Boston Landmarks Commission acting for and on behalf of the City of Boston, Massachusetts. The Boston Landmarks Commission will work to preserve the historic significant features of St. James African Orthodox Church pursuant to the preservation restriction.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order, which approves the preservation restriction pursuant to G.L. c. 184, § 32, as expeditiously as possible to preserve and protect this significant building in perpetuity and ensure that the historic character of the building, specifically its exterior features, retain their integrity.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu

Mayor Michelle Wu City of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER ACCEPTING A PRESERVATION RESTRICTION ON ST. JAMES AFRICAN ORTHODOX CHURCH LOCATED AT 50 CEDAR STREET, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

- WHEREAS: Pursuant to G.L. c. 184, § 31 to 33, the Boston Landmarks Commission acting for and on behalf of the City of Boston is authorized to create, impose, accept and enforce preservation restrictions for historically significant structures located in the city; and
- WHEREAS: St. James African Orthodox Church located at 50 Cedar Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts, 02119-1431 (the "Historically Significant Property") is a structure that is historically significant with respect to its architecture, associations, and/or archaeology and is therefore appropriate for preservation; and
- WHEREAS: The owner of the Historically Significant Property, 50 Cedar Street Holdings LLC, will convey unto the Boston Landmarks Commission acting for and on behalf of the city of Boston a historic preservation restriction to the exterior features of the Historically Significant Property, by agreement through a permanent restriction ("the Preservation Restriction"); and
- WHEREAS: The Boston Landmarks Commission, as the preservation planning agency of the City of Boston, voted on March 14, 2023 to recommend acceptance of the Preservation Restriction.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Boston as follows:

ORDERED: That pursuant to G.L. c. 184, § 32, the Preservation Restriction on the St. James African Orthodox Church, 50 Cedar Street Roxbury, Massachusetts, as set forth in the attached instrument be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL

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