

ORDINANCE 21-04

**TO AMEND TITLE 8 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED
“HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION” TO ESTABLISH A HISTORIC
DISTRICT – Re: The Kohr Building Historic District**

- WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Ordinance 95-20 which created a Historic Preservation Commission (“Commission”) and established procedures for designating historic districts in the City of Bloomington; and
- WHEREAS, on November 14, 2019, the Commission held a public hearing for the purpose of allowing discussion and public comment on the proposed historic designation of the property; and
- WHEREAS, at the same hearing, the Commission found that the Kohr Building meets the historical and architectural significance that merits the protection of the property as a historic district; and
- WHEREAS, at the same hearing, the Commission approved a map and written report which accompanies the map and validates the proposed district by addressing the criteria outlined in Bloomington Municipal Code 8.08.010; and
- WHEREAS, at the same hearing, the Commission voted to submit the map and report to the Common Council which may recommend local historic designation of said property, for its consideration; and
- WHEREAS, the report considered by the Commission at this hearing notes that the structure is located at the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Rogers Street and 1st Street. It is an Art Deco style limestone building built in 1947 as an expansion to the hospital building constructed on the site in 1919.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The map setting forth the proposed historic district for the site is hereby approved by the Common Council, and said historic district is hereby established. A copy of the map and report submitted by the Commission are attached to this ordinance and incorporated herein by reference and two copies of them are on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection.

This property is further described as:

The building located at the southeast corner of parcel number 53-08-05-100-058-000-009, located at the corner of West 1st Street and South Rogers Street in the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana.

SECTION 2. The building located at the southeast corner of parcel number 53-08-05-100-058-000-009 shall be classified as “Notable”.

SECTION 3. Chapter 8.20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, entitled “List of Designated Historic and Conservation Districts,” is hereby amended to insert “The Kohr Building” and such entry shall read as follows:

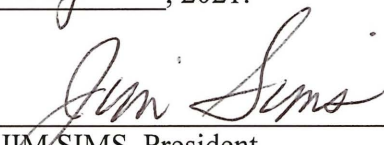
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SECTION 4. If any section, sentence, or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.


SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 3rd day of February, 2021.




JIM SIMS, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



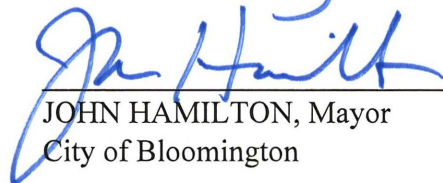
NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 8 day of February, 2021.



NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 8th day of February, 2021.



JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends Chapter 8.20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled “List of Designated Historic and Conservation Districts” in order to designate “The Kohr Building – the building located at the southeast corner of parcel number 53-08-05-100-058-000-009, located at the corner of West 1st Street and South Rogers Street in the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana” as a historic district. Built in 1947, the Kohr Building still retains its physical integrity, architectural significance, and association with the history of healthcare and medicine in Bloomington. While it was not the first hospital building constructed on the site, it is the oldest surviving building and is therefore a part of the city’s healthcare legacy. The building is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places, nor has it been identified in the state or local historic sites and structures inventories so it has not been given a rating; however, this is likely because the building is physically attached to a larger hospital complex that was built in various decades of the late twentieth century which most architectural historians would find “non-contributing”. Regardless, the Kohr Building is one of the few examples of Art Deco architecture in Bloomington and stands as a testament to the evolution of the original Bloomington Hospital site from farmhouse to medical complex over the course of the twentieth century.

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