

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE, CHAPTER 37, HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne, as follows:

That the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Bayonne, Chapter 37, Historic Preservation, be and are hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following section (37-41. St. Andrew's Church) in its entirety:

§ 37-41. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

§ 37-41.1. Findings.

The Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne finds and determines the following:

- a. St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Parish of Bayonne was formed in 1913 out of the southern portion of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. St. Andrew's served the Irish population that had settled in the lower east side of Bayonne. A combined school-chapel building, designed by Jeremiah O'Rourke and Sons of Newark was used for services from 1914 to 1923. It still exists to the immediate west of the present church building and houses the downtown Senior Citizen Center and served as a location of the former Story Court Branch of the Bayonne Public Library; and
- b. The present St. Andrew's Church building (Block 355, Lot 10 on the Tax Map of the City of Bayonne) was constructed between 1922 and 1923. It was designed in the neo-Gothic style; and
- c. The current St. Andrew's Church building featured two intricate steeples on either side of a large stained-glass rose window; and
- d. In 1923, twenty-two Munich-style stained-glass windows from the firm of Franz Mayer of Munich were installed. Those windows illustrate the life of Christ; and
- e. The exterior of St. Andrew's Church consists primarily of reddish-brown dress brick with limestone trim; and
- f. The exterior of St. Andrew's Church of Bayonne, New Jersey bears some architectural similarity to Eglise Saint-Andre (Church of St. Andrew) in Bayonne, France; and
- g. In its Historic Sites Survey for the City of Bayonne that was released on July 27, 2000, the Cultural Resource Consulting Group published an entry on St. Andrew's Church which coded the building as "PE" and "LL." "PE" means "the property is potentially eligible for listing on the State and National Registers" of Historic Places. "LL" means that "the property is eligible to be designated as a local landmark"; and
- h. On October 22, 2024, the Bayonne Historic Preservation Commission adopted a resolution recommending to the Planning Board of the City of Bayonne and the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne the historic designation and preservation of the exterior of St. Andrew's Church through the passage of an appropriate ordinance.

§ 37-41.2. Criteria for Historic Designation.

The Municipal Council finds and determines that the St. Andrew's Church meets the criteria for historic designation for the following reasons: the Church (1) has character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the municipality, state, or nation; (2) is an embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, architecture, or engineering; (3) is a site of a historical event which had significant effect on the development of the municipality, state, or nation; (4) is an embodiment of elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship that render a site architecturally significant or structurally innovative; (5) is a unique location of singular characteristics that make a district or site an established or familiar visual feature.

§ 37-41.3. Designation as Historic Landmark.

St. Andrew's Church, located at 10 West 4th Street in Bayonne (Block 355, Lot 10) is hereby designated as a Historic Landmark in accordance with Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq., and Chapter 37, Historic Preservation, of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Bayonne.

§ 37-41.4. Designation on Zoning Map.

This designation shall be noted on the zoning map of the City of Bayonne and filed with the City Tax Assessor.