

**ORDINANCE 70906**

**BOARD BILL NO. 101 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN TAMMIKA HUBBARD**

1 An ordinance pertaining to the Al's Restaurant, located at 1200 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street (the Property),  
2 having as subject matter the designation of the Property as a City of St. Louis Landmark,  
3 containing definitions, Landmark Standards and a severability clause.

4 The Board of Aldermen hereby declares as follows:

5 **WHEREAS**, the Property is important in the City of St. Louis because it has significant  
6 value as part of the heritage and cultural characteristics of the City; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Al's Restaurant has been located in the same location since its founding in  
8 1925; and

9 **WHEREAS**, it is has been from its founding, and continues to be operated by the  
10 descendants of its original owners, Albert and Louise Barroni; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the business was distinctive as a female-led business operation; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the restaurant has been a gathering place for St. Louisans and  
13 internationally known celebrities as well; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis Preservation Board was created to recognize and  
15 protect the culturally significant sites within the City limits; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission and the Board of Public Service have reviewed  
17 the proposed landmark designation and standards and have found that it 1) is in conformity with  
18 the City's Strategic Land Use Plan and 2) will have a positive impact on the physical  
19 development of the city; and the Preservation Board has approved the petition and recommended  
20 that a designation bill be prepared.

21 **THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

22 **SECTION ONE. DEFINITIONS:**

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23 A. "CITY LANDMARK". A City Landmark is defined as:

24 Any site or sites designated for protection from alteration or demolition by the City of St. Louis  
25 Board of Aldermen. A City Landmark cannot be altered in design or construction, and  
26 demolition of the property cannot occur without the permission of the City of St. Louis  
27 Preservation Board or its successor agencies.

28 **SECTION TWO. LANDMARK STANDARDS**

29 The National Park Service's Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, supplemented  
30 with guidance that reflects the conditions found at a particular City Landmark, are generally  
31 adopted as the Landmark Standards. As Al's Restaurant is an active and memorializing site for  
32 important aspects of the City's heritage and culture, many of the Secretary of the Interior's  
33 Standards are not applicable to this City Landmark. Therefore, these Standards shall be adopted  
34 as follows:

35 **A. Standards:**

36 Standard #1.

37 The building shall be used as Al's Restaurant.

38 The Landmark status shall remain as long as the Al's Restaurant is at its current location.

39 The Landmark status shall remain as long as Al's Restaurant, the business and property,  
40 is owned and controlled by descendants of Albert and Louise Barroni.

41 Standard #2.

42 Design elements from before 1968 may be reconstructed as documented in their former design.

43 New construction shall not alter remnants of the history of the building that predate the  
44 reconstruction and expansion of the building in 1968.

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Standard #3.

The property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

Standard #4.

Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved and deteriorated features shall be repaired or replaced with a feature that shall match the existing in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features may be undertaken.

Standard #5.

Any new construction shall be reviewed by the Preservation Board for compliance with these standards and for appropriateness for the Landmark building and site. (Additions/Alterations)

Standard #6.

The building would be considered eligible for demolition if any of the criteria in Standard #1 ceases to be true.

**B. Site.** The site of the landmark is the parcel upon which Al's Restaurant is constructed. The designation results from the cultural value of Al's Restaurant, being one of the longest lasting businesses under singular ownership at the same location for all of its history. The building in which the restaurant operates is not significant for its architectural character. The site is set forth in the landmark petition, which is attached hereto, and incorporated herein.

The Al's restaurant parking lot is not included in the landmark petition.

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**70 SECTION THREE. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

71 If any provision, sentence, clause, section, part, or application of the ordinance and the  
72 regulations and standards contained herein is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, illegal,  
73 or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the  
74 remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, parts, or applications of this ordinance,  
75 regulations and standards.

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