

1 BOARD BILL NO. 121 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN TERRY KENNEDY

2 An ordinance pertaining to the boundaries of the Central West End Historic District and  
3 containing an emergency clause.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

5 SECTION ONE. The property at 4500 Washington Boulevard, the Liberty Hospital  
6 founded in 1922, reflects the range of development in the Central West End  
7 neighborhood that included several medical facilities in addition to the mix of residential  
8 and commercial buildings. Osteopathic physician John H. Crenshaw selected the site at  
9 Washington and N. Taylor for his small hospital. The 35-bed operation and affiliated  
10 training school for nurses was closed by 1927. The building than was operated as the  
11 Good Samaritan Home for the Aged for quite some time and has an identity as that  
12 institution as well.

13 The three-story building, designed by the firm of Helfensteller & Hirsch, is a fine  
14 example of a small hospital design. The regularity of the building, with ranks of single  
15 window openings on its east and west sides, has an entrance pavilion on the north end  
16 that includes a drive-through drop off, a porte cochere, below a main-story area with  
17 large arched openings. Prominent cornices and a nameplate that reads "LH Building," as  
18 well as two balconies, enrich the north façade. Influences of the Arts and Crafts style are  
19 evident, mainly in the use of blended shades of dark red brick and in patterned brickwork.  
20 The initials LH appear in a cartouche on the north end of the east wall. Tiers of sun

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1 porches, a common feature of hospitals of the era, span each story at the south end of the  
2 building.

3 The former Liberty Hospital has the architectural presence and a history that  
4 relates to the Central West End Certified Local Historic District, the boundary of which  
5 has been at the alley on the south side of this property. 4500 Washington shares areas of  
6 significance with other properties in the district and was built within the period of  
7 significance for the Central West End Certified Local Historic District. For these reasons,  
8 it is eligible to be added to the Central West End Certified Local Historic District.

9 SECTION TWO. In accordance with the plans to pursue a Historic Preservation  
10 Certification Application with the United States Department of the Interior, the following  
11 area is hereby designated as part of the Central West End Local Historic District as  
12 heretofore established by Ordinance # 56768, as amended most recently by Ordinance  
13 #67395:

14 Lots 10 and 11 of the Hortens Washington Avenue Addition in City Block  
15 Number 4557, having an aggregate front of 150 feet on Washington Avenue,  
16 200.63 feet on North Taylor Avenue and a width of 137.5 on the alley south of  
17 Washington Avenue.

18 SECTION THREE: A general location map of the area shall be maintained on file in the  
19 office of the Register. The Central West End Local Historic District standards shall apply  
20 to the area described in Section Two.

1 SECTION FOUR: Emergency clause.

2 This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is  
3 hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of sections 18 and 20 of  
4 Article IV of the charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective  
5 immediately upon its passage and approval by the mayor.