

Resolution Number 338

WHEREAS, St. Louis City Hall, which has housed city government since 1898, is a landmark by appearance, reputation and city designation. The building is representative of the French Renaissance Revival style, similar to the Paris Hotel de Ville, the City Hall of Paris;

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1889, an ordinance was passed to authorize the commission to advertise for the building. City Hall was officially completed on November 5, 1904 at a total cost of \$1,787,159.16;

WHEREAS, City Hall was praised for its “splendid architectural compositions” and called “an impressive period piece of craftsmanship” upon its completion;

WHEREAS, City Hall has been previously designated as a City Landmark and has a significant historical interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City of St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, it is vital and necessary that City Hall keep its historical character and integrity and not undergo any adverse effects when remodeling, constructing, adding, eliminating, altering, repairing, rehabilitating, maintaining, stabilizing, remediating hazardous materials and providing handicapped access as required by law under the Americans with Disabilities Act;

WHEREAS, it is of the essence that at anytime City Hall undergoes any type of interior renovations, St. Louis City employees and/or contractors are prohibited from destroying, removing, altering any of the original and historical fixtures, fittings and equipment to ensure that St. Louis City Hall remains the beautiful and historical structure it is;

WHEREAS, St. Louis City Ordinance 64689, Part V, Section thirty-nine (39), states “No Owner or other person shall construct, demolish or alter any designated feature or Exterior Architectural Feature with respect to any Improvement situated within an Historic District, or within or part of a Landmark or Landmark Site, nor shall such person cause or permit any such work to be performed upon such property, unless an application shall have been filed with the building commissioner and a permit obtained therefore from the building commissioner.”

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Service's employees, contractors, or consultants are required to obtain approval by the staff of the Cultural Resources Office prior to any interior renovation. Any disputes arising between the Board of Public Service and the staff of the Cultural Resources Office will be appealed to the Preservation Board. If that decision is disputed by either the staff of the Cultural Resources Office or the Board of Public Service it will be resolved by vote by the Board of Public Service at its regular public hearing. Appeals from decisions of the Preservation Board shall be followed pursuant to the provisions of St. Louis City Ordinance 64689, Part VII, Section fifty-three.

WHEREAS, exceptions to this resolution shall include renovations involving HVAC, plumbing, electrical and bathroom remodeling.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to urge all city employees to retain, as much as possible, any and all interior fixtures, fittings and equipment to ensure that St. Louis City Hall remain a beautiful and historical structure.

Introduced on the 22nd day of February, 2008 by:

Honorable Charles Quincy Troupe, Alderman 1st Ward

Adopted this the 22nd day of February, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen