

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB25-1992
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Community Planning and Housing

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For an ordinance designating 1555 North Grant Street as a structure for preservation.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 30-4, Denver Revised Municipal Code, the Landmark Preservation Commission has transmitted to the Council a proposed designation of a structure for preservation; and

WHEREAS, based upon evidence received by the Landmark Preservation Commission at a hearing on December 2, 2025, the staff report, and evidence received at the hearing before City Council on December 15, 2025, the structures at 1555 North Grant Street meets the criteria for designation as a structure for preservation as set out in Section 30-3, Denver Revised Municipal Code, as amended, by maintaining its integrity, being more than 30 years old, and meeting the criteria in the following four categories from Section 30-3(3):

b. Having direct and substantial association with a recognized person or group of persons who had influence on society;

The structures at 1555 North Grant Street are associated with Knights of Columbus District 539, which served both Denver's Catholic community as well as the greater community at-large, and their location one block from the State Capitol and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as well as proximity to downtown proved a central location for use by the Catholic community, political groups, and general members of the public. To accommodate the mid-20th Century growth in membership and the community's changing needs, the Knights of Columbus reconfigured the property in the early 1960s adding a new event hall and creating an onsite parking lot.

c. Embodying distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style or type;

The event hall at 1555 North Grant Street, constructed in 1963, embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of the Mid-century Modern architectural style. This is seen in the building's clean, simple lines, flat roof, smooth exterior red brick surfaces, lack of embellishment, and its vertical fenestration.

d. Being a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder;

The event hall is a significant example of the work of recognized architect John F. Milan, as likely Denver's earliest example of the use prestressed double tee concrete framing members.

e. Containing elements of architectural design, engineering, materials, craftsmanship, or artistic merit which represent a significant innovation or technical achievement;

John F. Milan designed the event hall with prestressed concrete double tee framing members, a new concrete structural form developed by engineers for Prestressed Concrete of Colorado, Inc., a firm, owned and operated by the Perlmutter Family, and designed due to the ongoing shortage of traditional building materials post World War II. While ubiquitous today, at this time, the use of prestressed concrete double tee framing members was a unique and innovative design approach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That based upon the analysis referenced above, and the evidence received at the public hearings, certain property at 1555 North Grant Street, and legally described as follows, together with all improvements situated and located thereon, be and the same is hereby designated as a structure for preservation:

Lots 31 through 40, Block 37,
H.C. Brown's Addition to Denver, Colorado,
City and County of Denver,
State of Colorado.

Section 2. The period of significance for the property at 1555 North Grant Street, legally described above, is 1928 to 1982.

Section 3. All of the improvements situated and located on 1555 North Grant Street, legally described above, are contributing structures.

Section 4. The effect of this designation may enhance the value of the property and of the structure, but may delay or require denial of building permits found unacceptable by the Landmark Preservation Commission under the criteria contained in the Design Guidelines for Historic Structures and Districts and Section 30-6 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be recorded among the records of the Clerk and Recorder of the City and County of Denver.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: December 2, 2025

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____

4 _____ - PRESIDENT

5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST: _____; _____

10 PREPARED BY: Adam C. Hernandez, Assistant City Attorney DATE: December 4, 2025

11 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
12 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
14 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

15 Miko Ando Brown, Denver City Attorney

16 BY:  _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: 12/4/2025 | 11:06 AM MST