

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO.  
SERIES OF 2012

COUNCIL BILL NO. 12-041  
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:  
Land use, Transportation and  
Infrastructure.

**A BILL**

**For an ordinance designating 1475 Elizabeth Street, The Bonfils Memorial Theater/Lowenstein Theater, as a structure for preservation.**

**WHEREAS**, the Landmark Preservation Commission has transmitted to the Council a proposed designation of a structure for preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, 1475 Elizabeth Street, The Bonfils Memorial Theater/Lowenstein Theater, meets the criteria for designation as a structure for preservation as set out in Section 30-3 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, as amended, by:

1. *History*

*c. Having a direct and substantial association with a person or group of persons who had influence on society*

The Bonfils Memorial Theater (now called the Lowenstein Theater) exemplifies the cultural, social and historic heritage of the City of Denver through its association with Helen Bonfils, owner and publisher of the Denver Post, Denver social leader and philanthropist, and actress and leader in Denver civic theater, all of which combined to make her a prominent, powerful and influential woman in Denver. The theater is also closely associated with Henry Lowenstein, the Denver Civic Theater and the general growth of Denver as the theatrical capital of the inter-mountain West.

2. *Architecture*

*a. Embodying the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or type*

The Bonfils Memorial Theater/ Lowenstein Theater has the distinguishing characteristics of the Art Moderne architectural style.

*b. Being a significant example of the work of a recognized architect or master builder.*

The Bonfils Memorial Theater/ Lowenstein Theater was designed by John K. Monroe, a local master architect largely known for his work for the Archdiocese of Denver.

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

1           **Section 1.** That the certain property commonly called 1475 Elizabeth Street, The Bonfils  
2 Memorial Theater/Lowenstein Theater and legally described as follows, together with all  
3 improvements situated and located thereon, be and the same is hereby designated as a structure  
4 for preservation:

5           Legal Description of Property: A parcel of land located in the Northwest One  
6 quarter of Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 68 West of the Sixth Principal  
7 Meridian, City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, more particularly  
8 described as follows: UNIT 1, LOWENSTEIN CONDOMINIUMS, according to  
9 the map thereof, recorded October 11, 2006 under Reception No. 2006162720,  
10 City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

11           **Section 2.** The effect of this designation may enhance the value of said property but may  
12 delay or require denial of building permits found unacceptable by the Landmark Preservation  
13 Commission under the criteria contained in the Design Guidelines for Historic Structures and  
14 Districts, and Section 30-6 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

15           **Section 3.** This ordinance shall be recorded among the records of the Clerk and  
16 Recorder of the City and County of Denver.

17 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_.

18 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_.

19 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

20 \_\_\_\_\_ - PRESIDENT

21 APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ - MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

22 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ - CLERK AND RECORDER,  
23 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
24 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER  
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26 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL \_\_\_\_\_ 2012; \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

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28 PREPARED BY: Kerry A. Buckey \_\_\_\_\_ 1/3/2012

29 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of  
30 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed  
31 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to  
32 § 3.2.6 of the Charter.

33 Douglas J. Friednash, City Attorney

34 BY: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City Attorney Date: \_\_\_\_\_