



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item Number 4
IN CITY COUNCIL
December 9, 2019

ORDERED: That the EMF Electrical Supplies Building, 116 Brookline Street, and the Metropolitan Ice Company Building, 112 Pacific Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts be designated together as a protected landmark pursuant to Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.180 of the Code of the City of Cambridge, as recommended by vote of the Cambridge Historical Commission on November 7, 2019. The premises so designated are the land defined as Parcels 52 and 59 of the Cambridge Assessor's Map 95 and the buildings thereon and the premises described in a deed recorded in Book 72097, Page 337, and Book 72110, Page 113, of the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds.

This designation is justified by the important architectural and cultural associations the properties represent as early twentieth century industrial buildings associated with the National Company, an early electronics manufacturer, a once-prominent regional retailer, EMF Electrical Supplies, and for their important associations with the musical and arts communities of Cambridge.

The effect of this designation shall be that review by the Cambridge Historical Commission and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, Hardship, or Non-Applicability shall be required before any construction activity can take place within the designated premises or any action can be taken affecting the appearance of the premises, that would in either case be visible from a public way, that was not previously approved by Certificates of Appropriateness issued on November 1, 2018, and March 7, 2019. In making determinations, the Commission shall be guided by the terms of the Final Landmark Designation Report, dated December 2, 2019, with respect to the designated premises, by Section VII, Standards and Criteria of said report, and by the applicable sections of Chapter 2.78, Article III, of the Cambridge Municipal Code.