

City of Cambridge

Agenda Item Number 5 IN CITY COUNCIL December 9, 2019

ORDERED:

That the George E. Bridges house, 74 Oxford Street / 43 Wendell Street, be designated 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 is the land defined as Parcel 125 on Cambridge Assessor's Map 150 and the structures thereon and the premises described in a deed recorded in Book 70894, Page 12 at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds.

This designation is justified by the Historical Commission's findings of architectural and historical significance of the property as described in its designation study report and consistent with the landmark criteria provided in Chapter 2.78, Article III, of the Cambridge Municipal Code. Specifically, the Bridges house meets landmark criterion (1) for its associations with the social, economic, and architectural development of the Palfrey estate and the Agassiz neighborhood, and landmark criterion (2) as architecturally significant in terms of its period and style and for its associations with the architect Alberto Haynes.

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. 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 VI, Standards and Criteria of said report, and by the applicable sections of Chapter 2.78, Article III, of the Cambridge Municipal Code.