

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE** 126569  
COUNCIL BILL 120297

AN ORDINANCE relating to historic preservation; imposing controls upon the University National Bank, a landmark designated by the Landmarks Preservation Board under Chapter 25.12 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and adding it to the Table of Historical Landmarks contained in Chapter 25.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 25.12 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), establishes a procedure for the designation and preservation of sites, improvements, and objects having historical, cultural, architectural, engineering, or geographic significance; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Board (“Board”), after a public meeting on May 19, 2021, voted to approve the nomination of the improvement located at 4500-4502 University Way NE (which is referred to as the “University National Bank”) for designation as a landmark under SMC Chapter 25.12; and

WHEREAS, after a public meeting on July 7, 2021, the Board voted to approve the designation of the University National Bank under SMC Chapter 25.12; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2021, the Board and the University National Bank’s owner agreed to controls and incentives to be applied to specific features or characteristics of the designated landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Board recommends that the City Council enact a designating ordinance approving the controls and incentives; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

1 Section 1. Designation. Under Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.12.660, the designation  
2 by the Landmarks Preservation Board (“Board”) of the improvement located at 4500-4502  
3 University Way NE (which is referred to as the “University National Bank”) is acknowledged.

4 A. Legal Description. The University National Bank is located on the property legally  
5 described as:

6 Lots 16 and 17, Block 1, University Heights, according to the plat thereof recorded in  
7 Volume 9 of Plats, Page 41, in King County, Washington; Except that part of said Lot 17  
8 as conveyed to J. W. Taylor and Emma Taylor by deed recorded July 14, 1925 under  
9 recording no. 2045590; and Except that portion of Lot 16 lying within the right of way  
10 for Northeast 45th Street.

11 B. Specific Features or Characteristics Designated. Under SMC 25.12.660.A.2, the Board  
12 designated the following specific features or characteristics of the University National Bank:

13 1. The exterior of the building.

14 C. Basis of Designation. The designation was made because the University National  
15 Bank is more than 25 years old; has significant character, interest, or value as a part of the  
16 development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the City, state, or nation; has integrity or the  
17 ability to convey its significance; and satisfies the following SMC 25.12.350 provisions:

18 1. It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or  
19 period, or of a method of construction (SMC 25.12.350.D).

20 2. It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder (SMC 25.12.350.E).

21 3. Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale,  
22 it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the City and contributes to the  
23 distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City (SMC 25.12.350.F).

24 Section 2. Controls. The following controls are imposed on the features or characteristics  
25 of the University National Bank that were designated by the Board for preservation:

1           A. Certificate of Approval Process.

2                   1. Except as provided in subsection 2.A.2 or subsection 2.B of this ordinance, the  
3 owner must obtain a Certificate of Approval issued by the Board according to SMC Chapter  
4 25.12, or the time for denying a Certificate of Approval must have expired, before the owner  
5 may make alterations or significant changes to the features or characteristics of the University  
6 National Bank that were designated by the Board for preservation.

7                   2. No Certificate of Approval is required for the following:

8                           a. Any in-kind maintenance or repairs of the features or characteristics of  
9 the University National Bank that were designated by the Board for preservation.

10                           b. Installation, removal, or alteration of signage for accessibility  
11 compliance, and other signage as required by City code.

12                           c. Installation, removal, or alteration of signage, if consistent with a  
13 comprehensive signage and graphics plan approved by the Landmarks Preservation Board.

14                           d. Installation or removal of interior, temporary window shading devices  
15 that are operable and do not obscure the glazing when in the open position.

16           B. City Historic Preservation Officer (CHPO) Approval Process.

17                   1. The CHPO may review and approve alterations or significant changes to the  
18 features or characteristics listed in subsection 2.B.3 of this ordinance according to the following  
19 procedure:

20                           a. The owner shall submit to the CHPO a written request for the alterations  
21 or significant changes, including applicable drawings or specifications.

22                           b. If the CHPO, upon examination of submitted plans and specifications,  
23 determines that the alterations or significant changes are consistent with the purposes of SMC

1 Chapter 25.12, the CHPO shall approve the alterations or significant changes without further  
2 action by the Board.

3           2. If the CHPO does not approve the alterations or significant changes, the owner  
4 may submit revised materials to the CHPO, or apply to the Board for a Certificate of Approval  
5 under SMC Chapter 25.12. The CHPO shall transmit a written decision on the owner’s request to  
6 the owner within 14 days of receipt of the request. Failure of the CHPO to timely transmit a  
7 written decision constitutes approval of the request.

8           3. CHPO approval of alterations or significant changes to the features or  
9 characteristics of the University National Bank that were designated by the Board for  
10 preservation is available for the following:

11           a. The installation, removal, or alteration of ducts, conduits, HVAC vents,  
12 grills, pipes, panels, weatherheads, wiring, meters, utility connections, downspouts and gutters,  
13 or other similar mechanical, electrical, and telecommunication elements necessary for the normal  
14 operation of the building.

15           b. Installation, removal, or alteration of exterior light fixtures, exterior  
16 security lighting, and security system equipment.

17           c. Signage other than signage excluded in subsections 2.A.2.b and 2.A.2.c  
18 of this ordinance.

19           d. Installation, removal, or alteration of improvements for safety, or  
20 accessibility compliance.

21           e. Installation, removal, or alteration of fire and life safety equipment.

22           f. Installation of photovoltaic panels.

1 g. Changes to paint colors for any of the features or characteristics of the  
2 landmark that were designated by the Board for preservation.

3 h. Replacement of non-historic doors and windows within original  
4 openings, when the Landmarks staff determines that the design intent is consistent with the  
5 *Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.

6 i. Emergency repairs or measures (including immediate action to secure  
7 the area, install temporary equipment, and employ stabilization methods as necessary to protect  
8 the public's safety, health, and welfare) to address hazardous conditions with adverse impacts to  
9 the building or site as related to a seismic or other unforeseen event. Following such an  
10 emergency, the owner shall adhere to the following:

11 1) The owner shall immediately notify the CHPO and document  
12 the conditions and actions the owner took.

13 2) If temporary structural supports are necessary, the owner shall  
14 make all reasonable efforts to prevent further damage to historic resources.

15 3) The owner shall not remove historic building materials from the  
16 site as part of the emergency response.

17 4) In consultation with the CHPO and staff, the owner shall adopt  
18 and implement a long-term plan to address any damage through appropriate solutions.

19 Section 3. Incentives. The following incentives are granted on the features or  
20 characteristics of the University National Bank that were designated by the Board for  
21 preservation:

22 A. Uses not otherwise permitted in a zone may be authorized in a designated landmark by  
23 means of an administrative conditional use permit issued under SMC Title 23.

1           B. Exceptions to certain of the requirements of the Seattle Building Code and the Seattle  
2 Energy Code, adopted by SMC Chapter 22.101, may be authorized according to the applicable  
3 provisions.

4           C. Special tax valuation for historic preservation may be available under chapter 84.26  
5 RCW upon application and compliance with the requirements of that statute.

6           D. Reduction or waiver, under certain conditions, of minimum accessory off-street  
7 parking requirements for uses permitted in a designated landmark structure may be permitted  
8 under SMC Title 23.


9           Section 4. Enforcement of this ordinance and penalties for its violation are as provided in  
10 SMC 25.12.910.

11           Section 5. The University National Bank is added alphabetically to Section II, Buildings,  
12 of the Table of Historical Landmarks contained in SMC Chapter 25.32.


13           Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to record a certified copy of this ordinance with the  
14 King County Recorder’s Office, deliver two certified copies to the CHPO, and deliver one copy  
15 to the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections. The CHPO is directed  
16 to provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the University National Bank’s owner.

1 Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.


4 Passed by the City Council the 19th day of April, 2022,  
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 19th day of  
6 April, 2022.

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8 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

9  Approved /  returned unsigned /  vetoed this 2nd day of May, 2022.

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11 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 2nd day of May, 2022.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachments: