

Dr. Scott and Imogene Woodin House

5801 Corson Avenue South, Seattle

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*City of Seattle Landmarks Preservation Board
October 2, 2024*

*PROPERTY OWNER & APPLICANT
Scott D. Boone*



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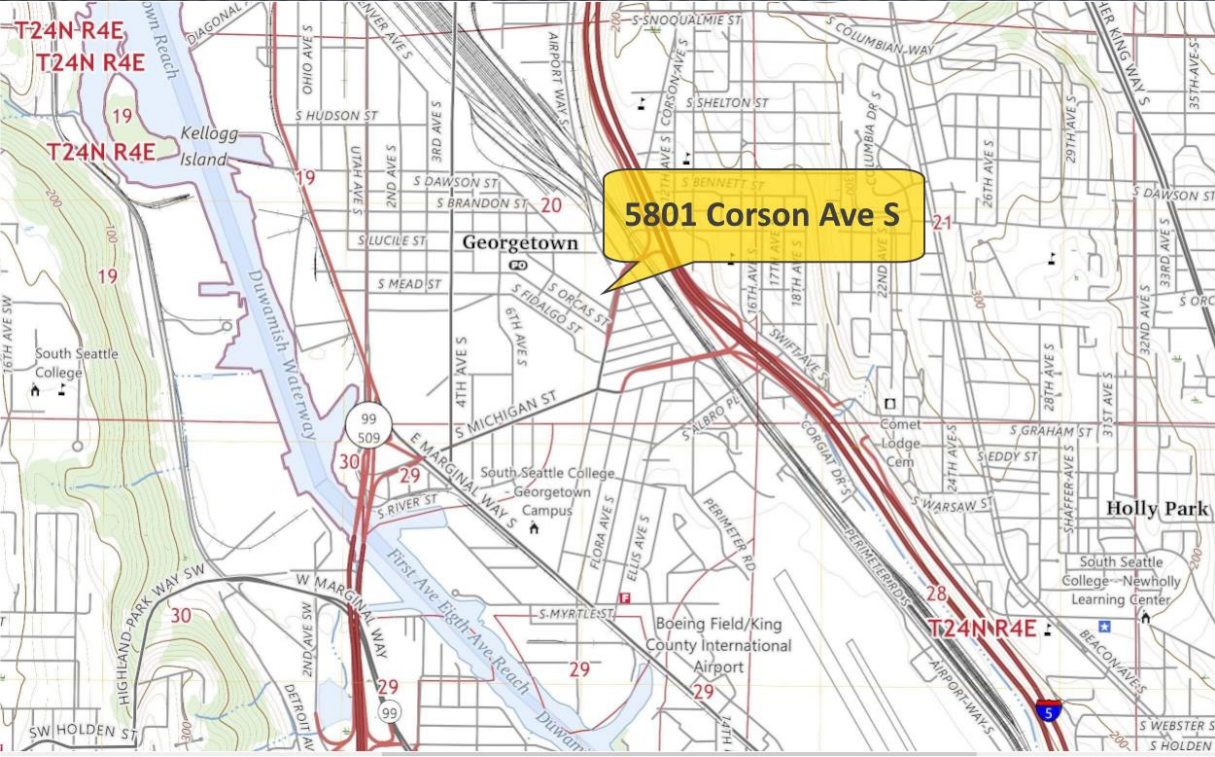
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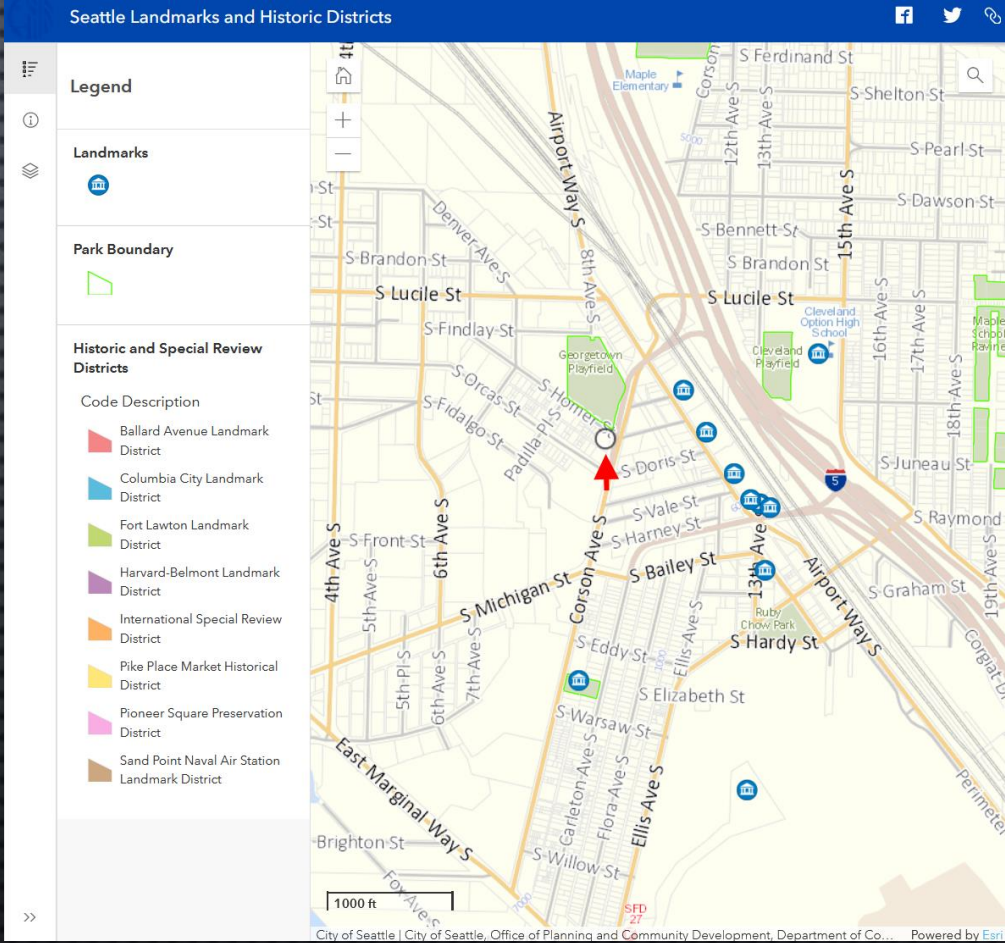
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Physical Context

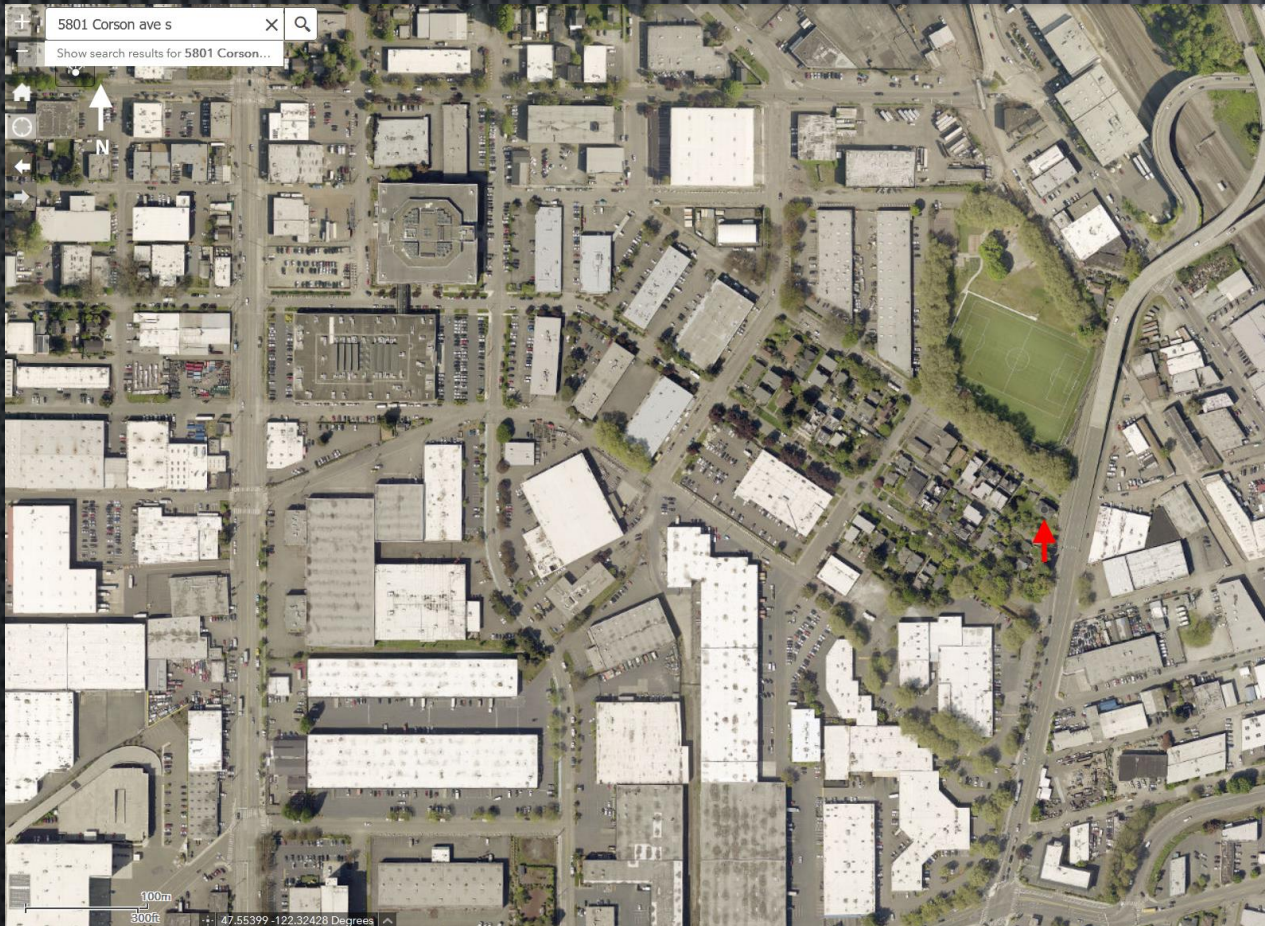


Seattle's Georgetown Neighborhood



Nearby City Designated Landmarks

Physical Context



- 3 Lots
- 0.33 acres / 14,375 sq. ft.

Physical Property Information



- Residence built 1904-05
- Garage built ca. 1935
- Moved 25 ft. in 1966 to make way for Interstate 5 exit at Corson Ave. S.



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American Foursquare
with Classical & Craftsman details



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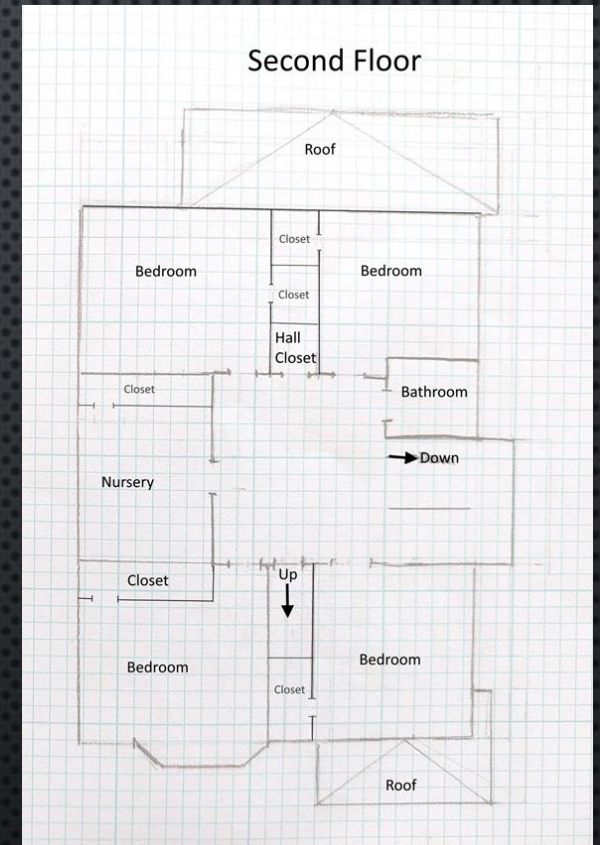
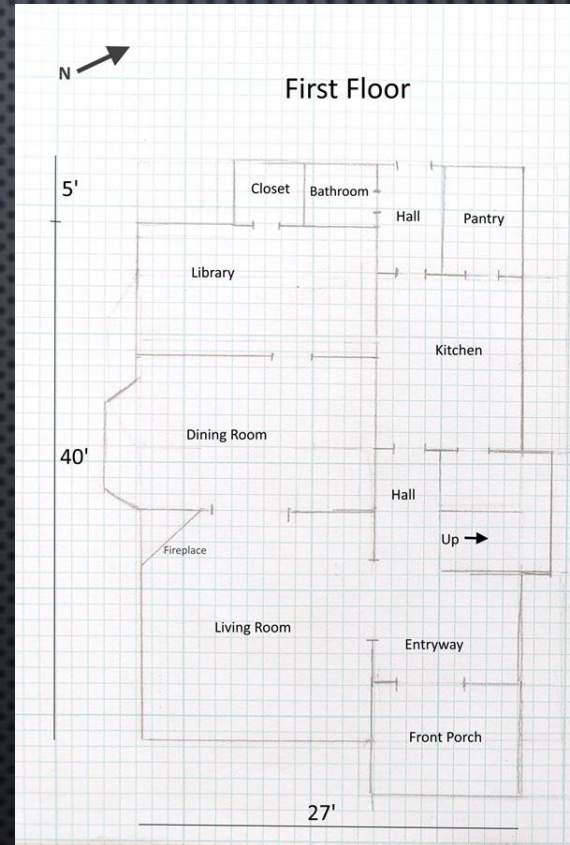
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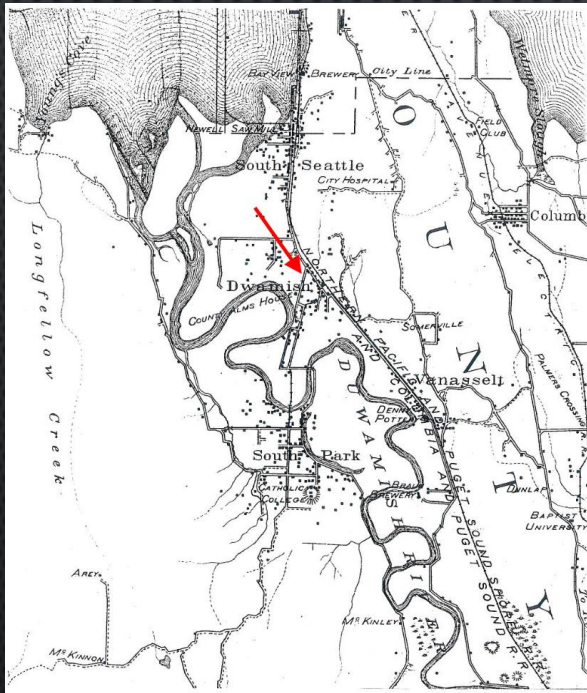


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Georgetown Context

1904: Georgetown incorporates
1910: Seattle annexes Georgetown
1910s: Duwamish River straightened



McKee's Correct Road Map of Seattle [partial image], 1894.

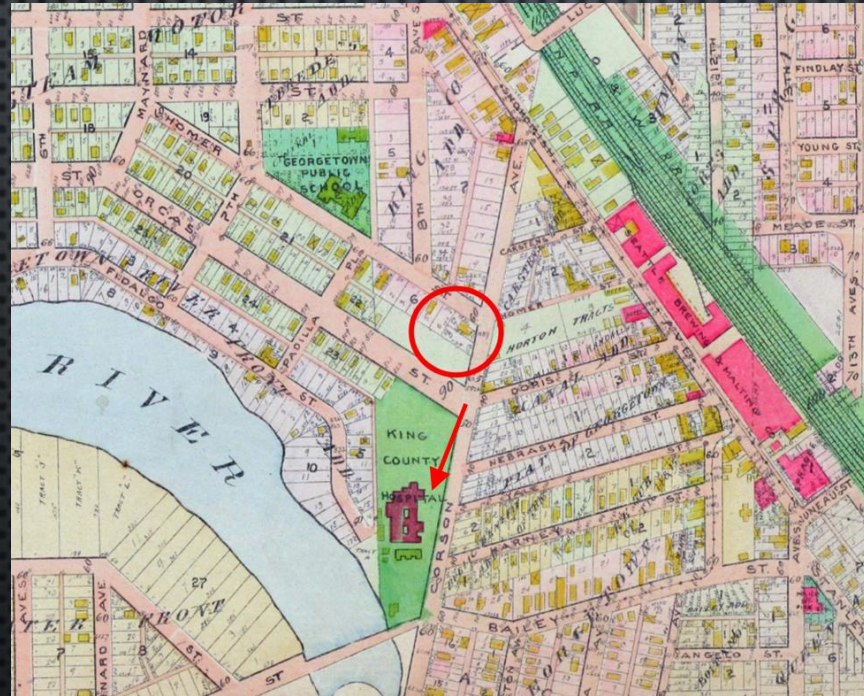


Plate 29, Baist Real Estate Map of Seattle [partial image], 1912.



Aerial image, King County, iMap, 1936

Georgetown Context

- 1954: Duwamish Bend housing project closed
- 1956: King Co. Hospital closed, torn down; Seattle Comprehensive Plan called for “phasing out” Georgetown’s residential areas
- 1960s: Interstate 5 developed



Aerial image, 1969. Source: Seattle Municipal Archives.



I-5 exit at Corson Ave. S., 1967. Source: Seattle Municipal Archives.

Georgetown Context



Woodin House



Woodin House, ca. 1904-1910. Source: Scott Boone Collection.

- Property part of original Luther Collins claim
- Georgetown incorporates Jan. 1904
- Imogene Huntsman purchases lots, July 1904
- Couple marries, Nov. 24, 1904
- House completed late 1904 or early 1905
- Orig. address was 507 Charleston Ave.
- Annexed into Seattle, 1910
- Garage built ca. 1935
- House moved 25 ft., 1966

Dr. Scott and Imogene Woodin

- Worked together at King Co. Hospital
- Built residence in 1904-05
- Married Nov. 24, 1904
- One daughter, Vernetta Diadama Woodin (1907-1996)
- One grandson, Scott D. Boone (1940-)



Staff of the Georgetown King County Hospital in 1904. Left to right: Dr. William O'Rourke, Nurse Pratt, Miss Ellen Jockel, Imogene A. Huntsman, R.N., and Dr. Scott P. Woodin. Dr. Woodin was an early experimenter with X-ray and died some years later of the effects.

Staff of King County Hospital, with Imogene Huntsman and Dr. Scott Woodin pictured at right (1904). Source: *Saddlebags to Scanners: The First 100 Years of Medicine in the State of Washington* (1989), p. 76.

Dr. Scott P. Woodin



Scott P. Woodin (1862-1929)

- University of Michigan School of Medicine
- King Co. Hospital physician; early X-ray user
- Private office at residence
- Georgetown Health Officer, 1904-08
- Civic sanitation initiatives, 1907-08
- Founding member, Washington Assn. of Local Health Officers, 1908

GEORGETOWN CITY GOVERNMENT
 Offices—City Hall
 Mayor—John Mueller
 City Clerk—J Beek
 City Attorney—I H Randolph
 City Treasurer—Harry Parry
 City Marshal—W H Johnson
 Justice—H F Cory
 → Health Officer—Dr Scott P Woodin
 Councilmen—G Bertoldi at large, W A Carle, Herbert Bruce, Frank Lippincott, J W DeMott, W P O'Rourke, J W Doyle
 Fire Department—Chief, John Mueller; Capt, P W Morgan

Polk's Directory, Georgetown (1908)

**GEORGETOWN COUNCIL
 ORDERS CLEANING UP
 BY PROPERTY OWNERS**

GEORGETOWN, Oct. 25.—Georgetown is undergoing a fall housecleaning which, in addition to the rat crusade carried on this summer, promises to leave the city in good sanitary condition for the winter months.

By special order of the city council owners of property are required to clean up all garbage, ashes, refuse and accumulations of any sort in barns, outhouses or empty buildings and have it properly disposed of before November 1.

The campaign has now been in progress some days, and ton after ton of refuse has been dumped into the river at a point near the old dock where some land is being filled. All decaying matter or matter subject to decay, which might spread germs, is carried to the tide flats below the town, where it is so placed that the tide will carry it away.

"Because of the lack of a sewer system for Georgetown it is particularly necessary that we keep things in sanitary condition," said Dr. S. P. Woodin, health officer of the city, today. "The campaign is waged vigorously this fall and the town is getting into good shape."

"During the summer while Seattle was carrying on its rat campaign under the direction of the sanitary force fighting bubonic plague, we were forced to clean up because Seattle rats were driven upon us. Aside from this fact Georgetown voluntarily waged a war against the rats and incidentally the refuse, and the city is now in first-class shape."

Seattle P-I, Oct. 26, 1908

Woodin, Pioneer Physician, Dies Science Martyr

A martyr, it was said yesterday, to the science in which he pioneered for the cure of suffering



humanity, Dr. Scott P. Woodin died Tuesday at his home at 5801 Corson Avenue. He was found dead by his daughter, Miss Diadama Woodin when she returned home from work about 6 p. m.

Dr. Woodin had one in had one of the first X-ray machines in Seattle and experimented with it constantly during the years that the science was being developed and its potentialities scarcely realized.

Constant exposure to the powerful rays is believed to have destroyed his tissues.

Dr. Woodin was sixty-seven years old and came to Seattle in 1889, after being graduated from the University of Michigan. He was born in Jamestown, N. Y.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the Georgetown Presbyterian Church, under auspices of Century Masonic Lodge. The Rev. Angus Matheson and the Rev. Craig G. Whitsitt will officiate.

Seattle P-I, Nov. 14, 1929

Imogene Woodin



Imogene Woodin (1871-1923)

- Nurse at King Co. Hospital
- Georgetown clubwoman
- Community advocate for schools, parks
- Petitioned for the creation of Georgetown Playfield, later named in her honor

An enjoyable and successful affair was the social and political tea given Tuesday afternoon on the lawn at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Woodin in Georgetown. Addresses were given by the guest of honor, George A. Lee; Mr. A. D. Martin, Dr. W. H. Corson and Mr. Frank E. Hammond. Vocal selections by Mrs. R. M. Erspamer and a violin solo by Miss Margaret Little were included in the program. Tea and wafers were served to 100 guests by Mrs. W. W. Finch, Mrs. Erspamer and Mrs. Woodin.

Seattle P-I, Aug. 31, 1916

1916 Petition

Mr. J. C. Healey	5701 Duwamish
Robt Bird ge Jr.	4863-10th So.
Mrs W. L. Harris	
Percy H. Watson	2928-10th P.
F. Johnston	5001 Corson ave
Jeau Small	904 Bailey
R. H. Wright	714 Homer St.
<u>Mrs. S. P. Woodin</u>	3-801 Corson ave
Miss Harrison	
Mrs Roudman	910 Davis St
Mrs Munderloh	6633 Flora St.
Mrs. Ann Weyer	924 Doris St.
L. For Povriand	444 Doris St
Mrs. C. P. ...	

Petition to create Georgetown Playfield, 1916

File 2077, Petition of Georgetown-South Seattle Imp. Club. requesting that Georgetown Playfield be officially designated as "Imogene Woodin Playfield". Request granted on motion of Mrs. Maltby, seconded by Mrs. Stone and carried, with the understanding that the memorial tablet be paid for by petitioners, same to be subject to the approval of the Park Board as to location and design.

Board of Park Commissioners Minutes, May 9, 1929

Woodin House



Woodin House, 1937. Source: King County Assessor.



Behind the Woodin House, 1937. Source: King County Assessor.

Landmark Designation Standards

- (A) It is the location of, or is associated in a significant way with, a historic event with a significant effect upon the community, city, state, or nation; or
- (B) It is associated in a significant way with the life of a person important in the history of the City, state, or nation; or
- (C) It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state or nation; or
- (D) It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or a method of construction; or
- (E) It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder; or
- (F) Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age, or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the City.

Seattle Landmarks Preservation Ordinance (SMC 25.12.350)

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