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The following is said ordinance as passed:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to § 2-120-690 of the Municipal Code of Chicago (the "Municipal Code"), the Commission on Chicago Landmarks (the "Commission") has determined that the Sears Roebuck and Company Administration Building (the "Administration Building"), located at 3333 West Arthington Street, comprised of the parcel more precisely described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein, is worthy of Chicago landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has determined that the Administration Building meets four (4) criteria for landmark designation as set forth in § 2-120-620 (1), (3), (4) and (5) of the Municipal Code and satisfies the historic integrity requirement set forth in § 2-120-630 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, The Administration Building was the headquarters building for Sears Roebuck and Company from its completion in early 1906 until 1973, housing the primary executive offices, financial operations and order processing operations for the country's premier mail-order company; and

WHEREAS, The Administration Building is significant due to the importance of Sears Roebuck and Company to the economic history and growth of Chicago throughout the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, The Administration Building is associated with the careers and lives of prominent Chicago citizens Richard Sears, Julius Rosenwald and Robert Wood, each of whom made vital contributions both to the success of the company and the history of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The Administration Building is a significant example of a large-scale early twentieth century commercial building, exhibiting a high degree of quality in its detail and ornament; and

WHEREAS, The Administration Building is one of the finest works of George C. Nimmons, working both alone and in partnership with William K. Fellows, whose commercial and industrial buildings are significant for their combination of Chicago School forms with Prairie and Sullivan-esque detailing; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to § 2-120-690 of the Municipal Code, on June 6, 2002, the Commission adopted a resolution recommending to the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") that the Administration Building be designated as a Chicago landmark; now, therefore,

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

Mail to:

Commission on Chicago Landmarks  
33 North LaSalle, Room 1600  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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SECTION 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference as the findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. The Administration Building is hereby designated as a Chicago landmark in accordance with § 2-120-700 of the Municipal Code.

SECTION 3. The significant historical and architectural features of the Administration Building, for the purposes of § 2-120-740 of the Municipal Code, are all exterior elevations of the building, including rooflines.

SECTION 4. The Commission is hereby directed to create a suitable plaque appropriately identifying said landmark and to affix the plaque on or near the property designated as a Chicago landmark in accordance with the provisions of § 2-120-700 of the Municipal Code.

SECTION 5. The Commission is directed to comply with the provisions of § 2-120-720 of the Municipal Code regarding notification of said designation.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Exhibit "A" referred to in this ordinance reads as follows:

*Exhibit "A".*

*Property Description.*

*Legal Description.*

That part of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 1 in Henry E. Vance's Resubdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded December 21, as Document Number 3635041, in the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 39 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows:

beginning at the northwest corner of said Block 1, also being the intersection of the east right-of-way line of South Homan Avenue and the south right-of-way line of West Arthington Street; thence south 89 degrees, 14 minutes, 04 seconds east along the north line of said Block 1, also being said south right-of-way line of West Arthington Street, a distance of 489.02 feet; thence south 00 degrees, 40 minutes, 38 seconds west, a distance of 179.02 feet; thence north 89 degrees,

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40 minutes, 36 seconds west, a distance of 195.37 feet; thence north 00 degrees, 19 minutes, 24 seconds east, a distance of 14.32 feet; thence north 89 degrees, 40 minutes, 36 seconds west, a distance of 50.54 feet; thence south 00 degrees, 19 minutes, 24 seconds west, a distance of 18.34 feet; thence north 89 degrees, 13 minutes, 59 seconds west, a distance of 140.09 feet; thence north 00 degrees, 46 Minutes, 01 seconds east, a distance of 9.13 feet; thence north 89 degrees, 13 minutes, 59 seconds west, a distance of 101.98 feet to a point on the west line of said Block 1, also being said east right-of-way line of South Homan Avenue; thence north 00 degrees, 19 minutes, 24 seconds east, along said west line of Block 1, also being said east right-of-way line of South Homan Avenue; a distance of 175.81 feet to said point of beginning; all in Cook County, Illinois.

Address commonly known as:

3333 West Arthington Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60624.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
County of Cook ss.

I, JAMES J. LASKI, City Clerk of the City of Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the annexed and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain ordinance now on file in my office for the designation of Sears Roebuck and Company Administration Building at 3333 West Arthington Street as Chicago Landmark.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the said ordinance was passed by the City Council of the said City of Chicago on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) day of September, 2002 and deposited in my office on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) day of September, 2002.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the vote on the question of the passage of the said ordinance by the said City Council was taken by yeas and nays and recorded in the Journal of the Proceedings of the said City Council, and that the result of said vote so taken was as follows, to wit:

Yeas 47, Nay 0.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the said ordinance was delivered to the Mayor of the said City of Chicago after the passage thereof by the said City Council, without delay, by the City Clerk of the said City of Chicago, and that the said Mayor failed to return the said ordinance to the said City Council with his written objections thereto at the next regular meeting of the said City Council occurring not less than five (5) days after the passage of the said ordinance.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the original, of which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe keeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Chicago aforesaid, at the said City, in the County and State aforesaid, this seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day of October, 2002.

[L.S.]

James J. Laski  
JAMES J. LASKI, City Clerk.

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