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The following is said ordinance as passed:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Municipal Code of Chicago (the "Municipal Code"), Sections 2-120-630 through -690, the Commission on Chicago Landmarks (the "Commission") has determined that Commercial National Bank Building (the "Building"), located at 125 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, legally described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein, satisfies two (2) criteria for landmark designation as set forth in Section 2-120-620(4) and (5) of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, The Building is an early example of a Classical Revival commercial high-rise bank building in the Loop. Completed in 1907, the Building was a precursor to the monumental Classical Revival banks that would form an urban canyon along LaSalle Street by the late 1920s; and

WHEREAS, The Building epitomizes the Classical Revival architectural style utilized for large-scale commercial buildings. The Building's monumental colonnaded base, arcaded capital, and overhanging cornice are all hallmarks of the style; and

WHEREAS, The Building, with its rusticated granite base and giant-order granite columns, exhibits excellent design and craftsmanship in traditional masonry; and

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WHEREAS, The Building is the oldest surviving example of a high-rise commercial bank building in Chicago designed by D. H. Burnham & Company, one of the most significant architectural firms in Chicago during the late 19th and early 20th century; and

WHEREAS, The Building epitomizes Daniel H. Burnham's design sensibility for grandly scaled commercial office buildings with Classical Revival detailing. The Building, compared to Burnham's earlier bank buildings including the First National Bank, reflects the firm's evolving ideas on the merging of the iconic temple-front bank buildings with a tripartite commercial high-rise form; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Burnham became a national figure in his role as Director of Works for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, where he supervised scores of architects and workmen in the construction of Chicago's first world's fair. The success of the "White City" was in no small part due to Burnham's drive and vision; and

WHEREAS, Burnham's involvement with the 1893 Expo led to a successful career as an urban planner, which culminated in his development with Edward H. Bennett of the Plan of Chicago in 1909. The plan called for, among other things, a continuous park along the Lake Michigan shoreline and inspired the creation of Grant Park, the extension northward of Michigan Avenue, and the construction of the Michigan Avenue Bridge and Wacker Drive; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with Section 2-120-630 of the Municipal Code, the Building has a significant historic, community, architectural, or aesthetic interest or value, the integrity of which is preserved in light of its location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, and ability to express such historic, community, architectural, or aesthetic interest or value; and

WHEREAS, On April 7, 2016, the Commission adopted a resolution recommending to the City Council of the City of Chicago (the "City Council") that the Building be designated a Chicago landmark; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The above recitals are hereby adopted as the findings of the City Council.

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

SECTION 3. For purposes of Sections 2-120-740 and 2-120-770 of the Municipal Code governing permit review, the significant historical and architectural features of the Building are identified as:

- a. All exterior elevations, including rooflines, of the Building.

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- b. The black metal soffit installed sometime between 1918 and 1947 and cantilevered just above the first floor, as well as the first floor Mid-century Modern-style polished granite entrance surrounds and their steel and glass storefronts and their revolving doors are all excluded from the significant features. These features may be removed subject to the review of the Commission. The foregoing is not intended to limit the Commission's discretion to approve other changes.

SECTION 4. The Commission is hereby directed to create a suitable plaque appropriately identifying the Building as a Chicago landmark.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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

Exhibit "A".

Building Address:

123 to 153 South Clark Street (odds),
60 to 80 West Adams Street (evens)
Chicago, Illinois.

Permanent Index Numbers:

17-16-212-016-0000;

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Legal Description.

Parcel 1:

The east half of Lot 7, except the north 9 feet taken for alley; the west half of Lot 7, except the north 9 feet taken for alley; the south 87 feet of Lot 8; the north 40 feet of the south two-thirds of the following described parcel taken as a tract; Lot 8, except the north 9 feet thereof taken for alley, all in Block 120 in School Section Addition to Chicago in Section 16, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Parcel 2:

The north one-third of the following described parcel taken as a tract; Lot 8, except the north 9 feet thereof taken for alley, in Block 120 in the School Section Addition to Chicago in Section 16, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

Parcels 1 And 2 may also be described as follows:

Lot 7, except the north 9.00 feet thereof taken for alley, and Lot 8, except the north 9.00 feet thereof taken for alley, all in Block 120 in School Section Addition to Chicago in Section 16, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

And As:

Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, in County Clerk's Division of Block 120 in the School Section Addition to Chicago in Section 16, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

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COUNTY OF COOK)

I, ANDREA M. VALENCIA, 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 authorizing Designation of Commercial National Bank Building at 125 S. Clark St. 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 twenty-second (22nd) day of June, 2016.

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 50 Nays 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 safekeeping, 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 ~~thirteenth~~ ^(13th) day of June, 2017.

[T.P.]

Andrea M. Valencia
 ANDREA M. VALENCIA, CITY CLERK