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STATE OF 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 Designation of Illinois Bell Building at 225 W. Randolph St. as Chicago Landmark. Filed under Document Number O2020-6031.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the said ordinance was passed by the City Council of the said City of Chicago on the twenty-seventh (27<sup>th</sup>) day of January, 2021.

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:

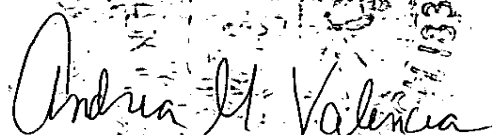
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I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the said ordinance was delivered to the Mayor of the said City of Chicago after the passage thereof by the said City Council, without delay, by the City Clerk of the said City of Chicago, and that the said Mayor failed to return the said ordinance to the said City Council with her 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 twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) day of May, 2022.

[T.P.]

  
ANDREA M. VALENCIA, City Clerk

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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 2-120-620 through -690, the Commission on Chicago Landmarks (the "Commission") has determined that the Illinois Bell Building (the "Building"), located at 225 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, as more precisely described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, satisfies three (3) criteria for landmark designation as set forth in Section 2-120-620 (1), (4) and (5) of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, The Building is a representation of the reinvestment in downtown Chicago, the Loop area in particular, by corporations in the 1960s. In contrast to many other American cities, Chicago saw a significant increase in downtown development by private entities during this time period; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Bell company was a major employer in Chicago, and Illinois as a whole. At its zenith in the early 1970s, the company employed roughly 36,000 people in the Chicago area alone and made important contributions to the advancement of technology in the telephone industry; and

WHEREAS, Chicago, and Illinois as a whole, has been on the forefront of telephone technology since the invention of the telephone. Chicago was one of the first major cities to have telephones, just one year after Alexander Graham Bell's invention; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Bell's research and development arm was critical in developing systems that are still used today, such as call waiting, speed calling, call forwarding, and three-way calling; and

WHEREAS, The Building is one of very few known examples of New Formalism as applied to a skyscraper in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, The marble and granite facade materials of the Building are unique and key elements of the New Formalist style, which embraced the use of rich building materials as part of the nod to Classical architecture; and

WHEREAS, The Building is distinguished from other New Formalist examples by its strong vertical columns, projecting level roof slab, and cantilevered first-story colonnade, which creates a street-level plaza; and

WHEREAS, The Building was designed by one of Chicago's oldest and most influential architecture firms, Holabird & Root (previously Holabird & Roche); and

WHEREAS, Under its original partners, William Holabird and Martin Roche, Holabird and Roche was an important architectural firm associated with the development and refinement of the Chicago style, a significant development in the history of world architecture; and

WHEREAS, John Holabird and John Wellborn Root, Jr., second-generation partners of Holabird and Roche and the successor firm of Holabird and Root, are significant for their sophisticated and intricately planned buildings, whether Classical Revival designs such as the Palmer House or Art Deco skyscrapers such as the Chicago Board of Trade and Palmolive Building; and

WHEREAS, At the time the firm designed the Bell Building, Holabird & Root was in the process of redefining itself as an innovative powerhouse a generation after designing some of Chicago's most ground-breaking buildings. In 1974, the firm received Chicago's highest architectural honor for the design for an Illinois Bell building in Northbrook, Illinois; 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

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WHEREAS, On November 5, 2020, 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:

- all exterior elevations, including rooflines, of the Building; and
- the first-floor lobby, as depicted and identified on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein; and
- the surrounding plazas of the Building, including the granite planters on the Franklin Street and Randolph Street elevations, as depicted and identified on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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 "B" referred to in this ordinance printed  
on page 27358 of this *Journal*.]

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

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*Exhibit "A".**Legal Description.*

## Parcel 1:

Lots 2, 3 and 4 (except that part of Lot 2 dedicated for public alley by instrument recorded as Document Number 18928994) in Block 41 in Original Town of Chicago in the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois.

## Parcel 2:

That part of vacated West Court Place lying south of and adjoining the south line of Lots 2, 3 and 4 and lying north of and adjoining the north line of Lot 6, all in Block 41 in Original Town of Chicago aforesaid, lying north of and adjoining the north line of Sublot 1 of Lot 5 and the north line of Sublots 1, 2 and 3 of Lot 7, and lying west of and adjoining the east line of said Sublot 3 of Lot 7 produced north 19 feet, all in Block 41 in Original Town of Chicago aforesaid, all in Cook County, Illinois.

## Building Address:

225 West Randolph Street  
Chicago, Illinois.

## Permanent Index Numbers:

17-09-443-001-0000;

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17-09-443-003-0000;

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