



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. Z
3/11/2025

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Certified Local Governments National Register Nomination Report for the Perrine Building, 119 North Robinson Avenue, which includes an affirmative statement of opinion regarding the property's National Register of Historic Places eligibility for the reasons stated herein, and therefore recommending the Perrine Building to the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Review Board and the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, Washington DC, as eligible for the National Register. Ward 6.

Location:

119 North Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Purpose:

The City has participated in the Certified Local Governments Program with the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office since January 1991. As a part of being a Certified Local Government, the City has accepted certain responsibilities including the administration of a Historic Preservation program. One of those responsibilities is to review and make recommendations to the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Review Committee who in turn makes recommendations to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, Washington DC, regarding properties within the incorporated area that the City deems eligible for the National Register. The National Register recognizes properties with historic, architectural, archaeological, or cultural integrity as exhibited through characteristics such as location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. National Register recognition is supported by a Statement of Significance based on one or more of four specific criteria, which can be summarized as history, architecture, significant figures, and archeology.

Background:

On March 5, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission considered a recommendation to the Mayor and City Council, the State Historic Preservation Review Committee and the Keeper of the National Register at its regular meeting. By unanimous vote, the Commission adopted the resolution affirming the recommendation.

The Perrine Building in Oklahoma City is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance for its architectural and historic significance. It is significant under Criterion "A" in the field of Ethnic Heritage/Black for its association with the Civil Rights movement for the sit-ins in 1961. It is significant under Criterion "A" in the field of Community Planning and Development for its role in Urban Renewal of Oklahoma City, circa 1965-1982.

Finally, it is also significant under Criterion “C” as a good local example of Commercial Style and a simplified Art Deco Style of architecture.

This nomination has been prepared by Isaac Hines, AIA, of Tradesman Architectural Studios, and forwarded to the City of Oklahoma City by the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office for the required reviews; no other objections have been made.

Review:

Planning Department

Recommendation: Resolution be adopted.