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**Landmark Designation of the Community Health Center at Parole** - For the purpose of accepting and approving the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission to designate the Community Health Center at Parole, Inc. as a landmark; and matters generally relating to said landmark designation.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Resolution 33-16**

**Introduced by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles and Mayor Pantelides**

**Referred to  
Public Hearing  
Economic Matters Committee**

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

**Landmark Designation of the Community Health Center at Parole**

**FOR** the purpose of accepting and approving the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission to designate the Community Health Center at Parole, Inc. as a landmark; and matters generally relating to said landmark designation.

**WHEREAS**, the Community Health Center at Parole, Inc. has submitted a request for Determination of Eligibility for Landmarking to the Historic Preservation Commission for the Community Health Center at Parole; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 21.56.030C of the Annapolis City Code “[t]he Historic Preservation Commission may, after making a full and proper study, recommend any area within the limits of the City for designation as a landmark, site, structure, or district of historic, cultural, archaeological, or architectural significance;” and

**WHEREAS**, such recommendations for designation of landmarks, sites, structures and districts shall be submitted to the City Council for consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 21.56.030B authorizes the City Council to designate boundaries for landmarks, sites, structures, or districts of historic, cultural, archaeological, or architectural significance within the City limits; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Historic Preservation Division of the City of Annapolis Planning and Zoning Department, uses the standardized system for determining historical significance as established by the United States Department of the Interior's National Park Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Historic Preservation is qualified under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Professional Qualification (36 C.F.R. Part 61) to conduct an analysis of the resource and to provide guidance to the Historic Preservation Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the resource must meet one of the four criteria for designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the resource has been evaluated in consideration of the association with important historical context and retention of historic integrity of those features necessary to convey its significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the attributes of the resource have been evaluated using seven aspects of integrity (location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association); and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Health Center at Parole resource meets local landmark criteria by being associated with the broad patterns of Annapolis history, specifically for its contribution to improving health care services for the African-American community, both during its historic period when quality health care for African-American women and children was lacking and more recently as it expanded the facility and services to meet the needs of a growing community of Latino families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Health Center at Parole also meets the local landmark criteria by being associated with the lives of significant persons in the history of Annapolis, which include Walter S. Mills, Reverend John T. Chambers Sr., James Marchand and France America Pindell; and

**WHEREAS**, Walter S. Mills, an educator and principal at Parole Elementary School for 46 years, successfully sued the Anne Arundel County Board of Education in 1939 with representation by Thurgood Marshall to establish the principle of equal pay for African American teachers and principals; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend John T. Chambers, Sr. owned and operated Chambers Barber Shop at West Washington Street and West Street from the 1940s thru 1975, served as President of the Anne Arundel County Federation of Parents and Teachers, President of the Anne Arundel Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was on the Board of the Citizens Planning and Housing Association, and President of the Parole Elementary School PTA; and

**WHEREAS**, James Marchand served as the construction manager for the building of the original Community Health Center at Parole, and was employed as the building trades instructor at Wiley H. Bates High School, training hundreds of African-American students and veterans in such fields as bricklaying, carpentry, electrical and plumbing as they returned from World War II service and were acquiring their high school diplomas as a result of the GI Bill and

**WHEREAS**, France America Pindell was the owner of Pindell and Pindell Contracting, served as a trustee for the Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church for over five decades, was a board member and President of Community Health Center at Parole, Inc. from 1984-1998, and initiated, and

served as Project Manager for, the renovation and expansion of the Community Health Center at Parole in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals demonstrated extraordinary leadership in funding, administering and building this community institution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Health Center at Parole was the first health center in Maryland financed entirely by the African American community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Health Center at Parole is historically and culturally significant to the history of health care in the African American community in Annapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Health Center at Parole maintains to a significant degree the aspects of integrity associated with its historical and cultural significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously on September 22, 2016 that the Community Health Center at Parole fulfills the criteria to be designated a local historic landmark and therefore forwards its recommendation to this effect to the City Council; and

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission to designate the Community Health Center at Parole as a local landmark is hereby accepted.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the legal boundaries of the Community Health Center at Parole shall be administered in accordance with the Annapolis City Code by the Historic Preservation Commission using the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

#### **EXPLANATION**

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.