

ORDINANCE

Ordinance Designating Local Landmark Status of Prescott Whittemore Homestead (10)

WHEREAS, the petitioners, Jessica Rodarte and Ramon Bernal, have filed a request that the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission petition the McHenry County Board to designate local landmark status for property commonly known as Prescott Whittemore Homestead, located at 13520 Marengo Road, Huntley, Grafton Township, Illinois, being a parcel of land more fully described as:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE NORHTWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER 716.0 FEET FOR THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 207.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 1226.93 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 4.50 FEET, THENCE NORTH 37 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 165.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 107.19 FEET; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 103.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 166.11 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 427.56 FEET TO A POINT 716.0 FEET EAST OF THE WEST LINE OF AFORESAID WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 30 AS MEASURED ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 13 MINUTES WEST AND PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE 450.0 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, (EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC HIGHWAY AS SHOWN ON DOCUMENT 1948R0208153) IN MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN # 18-30-400-016

WHEREAS, the petitioners are requesting that the aforementioned property described above be considered as a local historic landmark under the criteria identified in the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance adopted by the County of McHenry in November of 1991; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said petition was held before the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission in the manner and form prescribed by ordinance on April 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said hearing, the taking of evidence, and viewing of exhibits advanced thereat, the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission did unanimously approve a resolution to forward to the McHenry County Board recommending that the designation as a local historic landmark be granted; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Committee of the McHenry County Board has also reviewed this application and is recommending its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the property described above be included in the inventory of properties deemed as historically significant under the guidelines established under the McHenry County Historic Preservation Ordinance and that the same be designated as a local historic landmark; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Ordinance to the petitioners, Jessica Rodarte and Ramon Bernal, the Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, the Director of Planning and Development, and the County Administrator.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 17th day of June, A.D., 2025.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Ordinance Designating Local Landmark Status of Prescott Whittemore Homestead (10)

Board / Committee Action Requested:

Recommend that the McHenry County Board designate the Prescott Whittemore Homestead in Grafton Township as a local historic landmark.

Background and Discussion: Jessica Rodarte and Ramon Bernal have filed an application with the McHenry County Historic Preservation Commission to petition the McHenry County Board for consideration of local historic landmark status for property commonly known as the Prescott Whittemore Homestead, which is located at 13520 Marengo Road near Huntley. The property is owned by the applicants. The Commission accepted the application and has conducted a public hearing (April 2, 2025) on the proposed designation in accordance with Article III of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. The commission passed a Resolution and has made a report of its findings as required by the Ordinance, whereby the Commission recommends approval of the designation of the property as a local historic landmark of McHenry County.

Impact on Human Resources:

No impact to Human Resources.

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):

None. Funding for this activity is included in the Historic Preservation Commission in the FY25 department budget.

Impact on Capital Expenditures:

No impact to Capital Expenditures.

Impact on Physical Space:

No impact on Physical Space.

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:

No impact on other County departments; the property is privately owned. The owner may be entitled to apply for a temporary property tax credit from the State if any renovations meet State requirements.

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:

The proposed landmark designation meets the requirements of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and related Board Ordinances and Policies.