



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Historic Resources Commission (CC 1117) is charged, in part, with identifying structures, groups, districts and sites of historic and architectural significance. As part of this responsibility, the commission provides recommendations to City Council regarding potential listings on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties. An application has been made by Benjamin D. Rickey & Company (Applicant/Preservation Consultant) in cooperation with Mercantile Condominiums, LLC (Owner) to list the property located at 309-319 South Fourth Street on the register. The commission hosted a public hearing on July 17, 2014 at which they voted unanimously to recommend listing of the property on the Columbus Register based on the following criteria outlined in CC 3117:

“The property demonstrates significant craftsmanship in architectural design, detail, or use of materials.”

“The property is closely and publicly identified with an event, or series of events, which has influenced the historical, architectural, or cultural development of the city, state, or nation.”

Listing of this property on the Columbus Register will facilitate its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This legislation is submitted as emergency to allow its incorporation in a National Register nomination which must be submitted by September 30, 2014. Local and national listing makes the site eligible for historic tax credits in conjunction with rehabilitation and adaptive reuse.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No funding is required for this legislation.

To list the 309-319 South Fourth Street property on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties as CR #65; and to declare an emergency.

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Resources Commission is charged, in part, with identifying structures, groups, districts and sites of historic and architectural significance, and

**WHEREAS**, as part of this responsibility, the commission provides recommendations to City Council regarding potential listing on the Columbus register of Historic Properties; and

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made by Benjamin D. Rickey & Company (Applicant/Preservation Consultant) in cooperation with Mercantile Condominiums, LLC (Owner) to list the property located at 309-319 South Fourth Street on the register; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was given as required by City Code and a public hearing regarding the application was held on July 17, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Resources Commission has determined that 309-319 South Fourth Street is qualified for listing on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties under criteria listed in CC 3117.05 and therefore recommends approval of the nominations to Columbus City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Development, Planning Division in that it is immediately necessary to list the 309-319 South Fourth Street property on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties to allow its incorporation in a National Register nomination which must be submitted by September 30, 2014, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **now therefore**,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the requirements of CC 3117 regarding nominations and listing on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties have been met for the property located at 309-319 South Fourth Street.

**SECTION 2.** That the Historic Resources Commission is hereby authorized and directed to enter the 309-319 South Fourth Street, on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties as Listed Property CR 65.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Clerk is directed to certify a copy hereof to the City Historic Preservation Officer.

**SECTION 4.** That the Historic Preservation Officer shall have said designation recorded in the official records of the Franklin County Recorder.

**SECTION 5.** That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.