



## Legislation Text

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**BACKGROUND:** The Historic Resources Commission (HRC) (CC 3117) is charged, in part, with identifying districts, sites, buildings, structures, and/or objects that are of significance to the historical, architectural, or cultural development of the city, state, or nation; maintaining a list of these districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects; and providing regulation of these properties through design review. With these goals in mind, the Commission provides recommendations to City Council for the potential listing of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and/or objects on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties.

An application has been made by Judy Williams and Nathalie Wright, Historic Preservation Consultants (Applicant), in cooperation with Reverend Otha Gilyard, President, Ohio Baptist General Convention (Owner), to list the property located at 48 Parkwood Avenue (Ohio Baptist General Association Headquarters, aka/Foley House, Ohio Baptist General Convention) on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties. The subject building is locally significant for "...its association with African American history in Columbus during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century when it became the home for this important statewide organization of African American Baptist churches." The period of significance for the building is from 1954, when the former residence was purchased by the Ohio Baptist General Association, to 1969, in accordance with the National Register of Historic Properties guideline, "properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered eligible for the National Register" unless the property is of "exceptional importance." The Columbus Register boundary for the property consists of one parcel (Franklin County Parcel #010-014748-00), bounded by Parkwood Avenue to the west, Maplewood Alley to the north, a currently vacant lot (010-015683) to the east, and a brick residence (010-036955) to the south.

Proper notice was given to the property owner, per CC 3117.061, and a signed owner consent form has been received. A public hearing was held June 20, 2019, per CC 3117.063. The public hearing was attended by the Applicants and Owner, who provided favorable comments in regard to the listing of the property.

The Commission voted unanimously to recommend listing of the property located at 48 Parkwood Avenue (Ohio Baptist General Association Headquarters, aka/Foley House, Ohio Baptist General Convention) on the Columbus Register based on the following criteria outlined in CC 3117.05:

Criterion # 5 (E): "The property is closely and publicly identified with an event, or series of events, which has influenced the historical 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. Local and national listing makes the property eligible for historic tax credits in conjunction with rehabilitation and adaptive use, including the returned use as the Ohio Baptist General Convention headquarters.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

To list the property at 48 Parkwood Avenue (Ohio Baptist General Association Headquarters, aka/Foley House, Ohio Baptist General Convention) on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties as CR #78.

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Resources Commission is charged, in part, with identifying districts, sites, buildings, structures, and/or objects of significance to the historical, architectural, or cultural development of the city, state, or nation; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of this responsibility, the commission provides recommendations to City Council for the potential listing of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and/or objects on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties; and

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made by Judy Williams and Nathalie Wright, Historic Preservation Consultants (Applicant), in cooperation with Reverend Otha Gilyard, President, Ohio Baptist General Convention (Owner), to list the property located at 48 Parkwood Avenue (Ohio Baptist General Association Headquarters, aka/Foley House, Ohio Baptist General Convention) on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was given, as required by City Code, and a public hearing regarding the application was held on June 20, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Resources Commission has determined that 48 Parkwood Avenue (Ohio Baptist General Association Headquarters, aka/Foley House, Ohio Baptist General Convention) is eligible for listing on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties under criteria listed in CC 3117.05, and therefore recommends approval of the nomination to Columbus City Council; 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 48 Parkwood Avenue (Ohio Baptist General Association Headquarters, aka/Foley House, Ohio Baptist General Convention).

**Section 2.** That the Historic Resources Commission is hereby authorized and directed to enter the property located 48 Parkwood Avenue (Ohio Baptist General Association Headquarters, aka/Foley House, Ohio Baptist General Convention), on the Columbus Register of Historic Properties as Listed Property CR #78.

**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 this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.