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Landmarks Preservation Board

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REPORT ON DESIGNATION

Name and Address of Property: Wallingford Fire and Police Precinct Station
1629 North 45th Street

Legal Description: Lots 2,3,4, & 5 of Block 4 of Ballard's Supplement Plat of Lake Union Addition.

At the Public Hearing held on July 6, 1983, the City of Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board voted to approve designation of the Wallingford Fire and Police Precinct Station as a Seattle Landmark based upon satisfaction of the Landmarks Preservation Ordinance 106348.

Section 3.01(3) It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political or economic heritage of the community, city, state, or nation.

This structure is one of the six original police or police precinct stations in Seattle. Two have been demolished; one, in West Seattle (see nomination), and, the other is the demolished Ballard City Hall, within the bounds of the present-day Ballard Avenue Landmark District. Of the remaining three stations; the old Public Safety Building, within the Pioneer Square Preservation District, has been converted to offices; the Columbia City Precinct Station, in the Columbia City Landmark District, is now the city's Columbia Health Center; and, the Georgetown Police Precinct Station, a Seattle Landmark, is being surplussed by the City of Seattle.

The Wallingford area was annexed to the City in 1891, with its most rapid growth between 1900 to 1920. This included construction of public service structures, represented in this case by the 1913 construction of this police precinct and fire station. The structure has now, also, served as Wallingford's and the Seattle north end police precinct station for over seventy years. Additionally, this was only one of two such joint fire and police stations built in Seattle. In this regard the structure is representative of the growth of the City of Seattle, generally and particularly of Wallingford.

Section 3.01(6) Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or the city and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or the city.

Distinctive qualities of the Wallingford neighborhood include its collection of early 20th Century, small-scaled residential structures, and, also includes its varied (architecturally and in terms of uses) neighborhood commercial area along North 45th Street. Due to its unique characteristics and longevity, the Wallingford Police Precinct Station "contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood."

As the neighborhood police precinct station for seventy years, as a structure with a relatively different design from its commercial neighbors, and due to its location along the neighborhood's main thoroughfare, it has become in the community's collective mind, "an easily identifiable visual feature."

Features of the Landmark to be preserved include:

The entire exterior of the structure and the site,
also the following portion of the interior: the hose
tower.

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