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*Harry Spikes, Chairman*

**STAFF REPORT**



*Chris Ryer  
Director*

**October 11, 2022**

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #22-0284 – Sarah Ann Street Local Historic District

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend Approval

**STAFF:** Stacy Montgomery

**PETITIONER(S):** Councilmember Bullock

**SUMMARY:** Determination that the proposed designation of Sarah Ann Street as a local historic district meets the requirements of *Baltimore City Historic Preservation Rules and Regulations' Designation of Districts and Landmarks*. The designation includes a full and proper study with findings of fact that the proposed district and its boundaries comply with requirements of Local Government Certification under the National Historic Preservation Act, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Identification and Registration, and CHAP's own criteria for designation.

**SITE DESCRIPTION:** Situated near the northwest section of the Poppleton Neighborhood, the proposed Sarah Ann Street Historic District includes a block of eleven brick alley houses on the north side of the 1100 block of Sarah Ann Street and two rowhouses on the east side of the 300 block of North Carrollton Street. The Poppleton neighborhood is bounded by West Mulberry Street to the north, West Baltimore Street to the south, Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard to the east, and North Carey Street to the west. The southeast side of the neighborhood is densely packed with residential, commercial, and medical facilities, while the Northwest section of the district is home to number of churches and a few remaining rowhouses and a substantial amount of vacant land.

**PROPOSAL:** The City Council Bill was introduced for the purpose of designating Sarah Ann Street as a Local Historic District.

**ANALYSIS:** Staff determined that the proposed Sarah Ann Street district is eligible for local historic district designation under Criteria for Evaluation 1 and 3, and that based on Step 1: Historical Assessment and Property Owner Survey, and Step 2: Analysis, the Sarah Ann Street Historic District designation should proceed to Step 3: Designation. At the August 9, 2022, hearing, the Commission concurred with this finding, directing the staff to produce this full and proper study and findings of fact.

*Criterion 1:*

The proposed Sarah Ann Street Historic District is significant under Criterion 1 because it represents the housing and home ownership of African Americans over a period from the 1870s to 1970. Sarah Ann Street Historic District represents unique African American resources.

*Criterion 3:*

The proposed Sarah Ann Street Historic District is significant under Criterion 3 for representing a unique and intact building type known as alley houses, a rare survivor of Baltimore's 19<sup>th</sup> Century working-class houses.

At the September 13, 2022 CHAP hearing, the commission voted to approve of the determination that the proposed designation of Sarah Ann Street as a local historic district meets the requirements of *Baltimore City Historic Preservation Rules and Regulations' Designation of Districts and Landmarks*. The designation included a full and proper study with findings of fact that the proposed district and boundaries comply with requirements of Local Government Certification under the National Historic Preservation Act, the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Identification and Registration, and CHAP's own criteria for designation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends a recommendation of approval of the bill.



**Eric L. Holcomb**  
**Executive Director**



Image 1: Boundaries of the proposed Sarah Ann Street Historic District outlined in Red