

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

ORDINANCE NO. 2010- IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN: _____, 2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT MAP TO CREATE ONE (1) NEW MULTI-BUILDING DISTRICT KNOWN AS THE MORRISON AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT BY COMBINING TWO EXISTING SINGLE-BUILDING DISTRICTS AT 197 AND 222 MORRISON AVENUE AND ADDING ONE NEW PROPERTY, 221 MORRISON AVENUE

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Historic District Ordinance to protect, enhance and preserve the City's cultural and historical resources; and,

WHEREAS, historic districts safeguard these resources and offer the best protection for the community's unique character through preservation of its representative built environment; and,

WHEREAS, historic districts create strong economic benefits for the community, through an increase in property values, neighborhood stability, quality property reinvestment, and tourist appeal; and

WHEREAS, historic districts integrate the City's goals for Smart Growth and a sustainable green economy, by promoting reinvestment in the existing building stock, reducing material waste, and capitalizing on our rich architectural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Somerville Zoning Ordinance has been revised to incorporate a new use, a "Historic Bed and Breakfast," in order to expand the variety of lodging facilities throughout the community, provide additional revenues to the City, and create incentives for preservation of historic structures, and

WHEREAS, Morrison Avenue has several already designated historic properties, and another property determined eligible for local designation; and

WHEREAS, the owners of 221 Morrison Avenue have petitioned the City and Historic Preservation Commission for Local Historic District designation; and

WHEREAS, all of the affected owners are in favor of a consolidated multi-building district,

NOW THEREFORE , be it hereby ordained by the Board of Aldermen, in session assembled, that the below listed properties are approved as Map Amendments to the Historic District Ordinance, Sections 7-26 of Chapter 7, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Somerville in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40C.

Local Historic District (LHD) Name
Historic Name

Property Address

Map-Block-Lot

Morrison Ave LHD

William C. Shedd House

222 Morrison Avenue

20-A-3

Nathaniel Morrison House

197 Morrison Avenue

20-B-38

Warren-Sparrow House

221 Morrison Avenue

20-B-44

Approved by the Board of Aldermen;

President