



City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 4
IN CITY COUNCIL
January 12, 2026

ORDERED: That the Nathaniel Stickney House at 45 Mt. Auburn Street be designated as a protected landmark pursuant to Chapter 2.78, Article III, Section 2.78.180 of the Code of the City of Cambridge, as recommended by vote of the Cambridge Historical Commission on November 6, 2025. The premises so designated is defined as lot 49 on assessor's map 133 and the structures thereon.

This designation is justified by the significance of the building with respect to the architectural, cultural, economic, and social history of the City, including its origins as a Greek Revival Style house constructed by lumber dealer and wharf operator Nathaniel Stickney and its associations with the Gold Coast of Harvard dormitories and clubs, and as a rare surviving mid-19th century wood-frame structure in Harvard Square.

The effect of this designation shall be that review by the Cambridge Historical Commission and the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, Hardship or Non-Applicability shall be required before any construction activity can take place on the designated premises or any action can be taken affecting the appearance of the premises, that would in either case be visible from a public way. In making determinations, the Commission shall be guided by the provisions of the Final Landmark Designation Report dated November 24, 2025, with respect to the designated premises, and by the applicable sections of Chapter 2.78, Article III, of the Cambridge Municipal Code.