

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL
2024 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-102-2024

Proposed by The Chair (by request—Planning Board)

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction November 19, 2024

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Designation of the Mount Hermon Masonic Temple as a Prince George’s County Historic Site
3 For the purpose of approving the designation of the Mount Hermon Masonic Temple
4 (Documented Property 68-010-95) as a Historic Site in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

5 WHEREAS, Section 29-120.01 of the Prince George’s County Code provides a process for
6 the owner(s) of an historic property to petition the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation
7 Commission for Historic Site designation; and

8 WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29-120.01 of the Prince George’s
9 County Code, Kayleigh Kulp filed a petition with the Historic Preservation Commission for
10 designation of the property described below, with the authorization of the property owner, One
11 Seven Nine Temple Holding Corporation; and

12 WHEREAS, after proper posting and notice was given as required by law, the Prince
13 George’s County Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing on July 23, 2024, on
14 the subject petition; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mount Hermon Masonic Temple, located at 4207 Gallatin Street,
16 Hyattsville, was built circa 1893 and is significant as a unique example of Romanesque Revival
17 architecture in the Hyattsville National Register Historic District; and

18 WHEREAS, the Mount Hermon Masonic Temple was built for and used by the Mount
19 Hermon Lodge, a local Masonic chapter, and over the course of its long history has served as a
20 meeting and function space for many organizations and community groups and is an
21 architectural landmark within Hyattsville; and

1 WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended that the Mount Hermon
2 Masonic Temple (Documented Property 68-010-95), and its 0.145-acre Environmental Setting
3 (Lot 11, Block A, “Wine & Johnson’s 2nd Addition to Hyattsville, MD”) be designated as a
4 Historic Site on the basis of certain historic site designation criteria stated in County Code
5 Section 29-104(a), namely, criteria (1)(A)(iii), (1)(A)(iv), (2)(A)(i), and (2)(A)(v); and

6 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the District Council, held a
7 joint public hearing on the significance of this property with the Prince George’s County
8 Planning Board on September 10, 2024; and

9 WHEREAS, the record of the hearing was left open until 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2024,
10 and no additional testimony was received; and

11 WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, the Prince George’s County Planning Board voted
12 unanimously to recommend that the Mount Hermon Masonic Temple be designated as a Prince
13 George’s County Historic Site; and

14 WHEREAS, on November 12, 2024, in accordance with provisions of local law, the
15 District Council convened as the Committee of the Whole to review the transcript analysis and
16 Planning Board recommendation as to the proposed designation and favorably voted to direct the
17 staff to prepare a Resolution of Approval as to the proposed Historic Site Designation.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
19 County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that part of the Maryland-Washington
20 Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, that that the Mount Hermon Masonic
21 Temple (Documented Property 68-010-95) and its 0.145-acre Environmental Setting (Lot 11,
22 Block A, “Wine & Johnson’s 2nd Addition to Hyattsville, MD”) is hereby designated as a Prince
23 George’s County Historic Site.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council be directed to mail copies of
25 this Resolution to the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission, the Prince
26 George’s County Planning Board, and to the property owner, Michael Garner (One Seven Nine
27 Temple Holding Corporation), and petitioner, Kayleigh Kulp.

Adopted this 19th day of Noveber, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE’S
COUNTY, MARYLAND, SITTING AS THE
DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PART OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL
DISTRICT IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jolene Ivey
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council