

**ELMS #36320**

**A RESOLUTION  
BY COUNCILMEMBER AMIR FAROKHI**

**TO REQUEST THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION INITIATE THE PROCESS OF NOMINATING THE CHASTAIN ARTS CENTER AND GALLERY, LOCATED AT 135 CHASTAIN PARK AVE NW, AS A LANDMARK BUILDING OR SITE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Chastain Arts Center and Gallery (the “Chastain Arts Center”) was built in 1910 to house Fulton County’s Black indigent citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it was designed by the prominent architectural firm Morgan & Dillon; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chastain Arts Center served as the home for Fulton County’s Black indigent citizens until 1968 when the Center was repurposed as an arts center; and

**WHEREAS**, the structure is the oldest such facility in Atlanta and offers classes, workshops, and exhibits in a variety of creative mediums for artists of all ages and skill levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the surrounding community wishes to see the property receive this designation, to honor and maintain its value as well as physical presence in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, as nearby historic structures have been recently demolished, the Atlanta Preservation Center and neighborhood residents have sought protection for this historic building; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 16.20.004 of Chapter 20 of the City’s Zoning Ordinance establishes five (5) categories of protection for historic properties in the City: (1) Landmark Building or Site; (2) Historic Building or Site; (3) Landmark District; (4) Historic District; and (5) Conservation District; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby nominates the Chastain Arts Center and Gallery as a Landmark Building or Site as authorized in Section 16.20.005(a)(1) of the City’s Zoning Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**, that the Executive Director of the Urban Design Commission is hereby requested to initiate the process of nominating the property known as the Chastain Arts Center and Gallery, located at 135 Chastain Park Ave., NW as a Landmark Building or Site as authorized in Section 16.20.005(a)(1) of the City’s Zoning Ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director of the Urban Design Commission is hereby requested to initiate and complete the nomination process.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that prior to the Urban Design Commission’s public hearing to consider the nomination for status to the Chastain Arts Center and Gallery as a Landmark Building or Site, that the Executive Director is hereby requested to provide copies of the written report in the nature of findings and recommendations regarding the proposed nomination to all members of the City Council.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith

are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.