

City of Detroit

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Dear Owner/Occupant:

Congratulations! The Alger Theater Historic District was officially designated by the City of Detroit as an official historic district on October 21, 2008; a copy of the ordinance of designation is enclosed. The district consists primarily of the single building located at 15451 East Warren Avenue. It is situated on the northwest corner of East Warren Avenue and East Outer Drive on a commercial thoroughfare in the northeast section of Detroit. The boundaries of the proposed Alger Theater Historic District are outlined in heavy black on the attached map.

As the owner or occupant of a locally designated historic district you are afforded the opportunity to make application for a 25% state income tax credit on interior and exterior rehabilitation costs. This program is administered by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office. With the honors and benefits of an historic designation, there are also increased responsibilities toward adequately and appropriately maintaining or improving your property. The city agency responsible for overseeing all work to be performed is the Historic District Commission. For any questions you may have concerning building permit requirements, the appropriateness of work you may be considering on the exterior of your building, or your responsibilities in obtaining the proper building permits for various types of work, please contact the Commission's staff at (313) 224-6536. They will be happy to assist you.

The Historic District Commission's brochure outlining permit requirements for historic districts is also enclosed for your information; note that the requirements generally apply to any alteration to the exterior appearance of the property. Be sure to inform any contractors you may hire of these special requirements. Contractors are often not aware that this type of permit is necessary. Please call the Commission's staff if you have any questions.

The members and staff of the Historic Designation Advisory Board are pleased to have been of service to your neighborhood during the designation process recently completed. The Advisory Board is particularly appreciative of the efforts of those associated with the study process and who were helpful to the Board in its deliberation on the Alger Theater Historic District, Mr. Geoff Gowman and Mr. Bill Swanson, who acted as *ad hoc* representatives with the Advisory Board. If there is any way in which the Board and its staff can be of service to property owners or residents in the Alger Theater Historic District, please contact us.

Once again, congratulations! We look forward to assisting you in the continued improvements of your neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Harriett Johnson, Chairperson
Historic Designation Advisory Board



Devan Anderson, Chairperson
Historic District Commission

Enclosure(s)