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Lake County Recorder

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**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING APPROVAL OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION  
TO 408 N. SHERIDAN ROAD**

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2001 the Waukegan City Council enacted Ordinance 01-O-144, the Historic Preservation Ordinance of the City of Waukegan, Illinois. (the Historic Preservation Ordinance)

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Ordinance was enacted to provide the City and its citizens a way to voluntarily protect, enhance, perpetuate and allow for the continued use of improvements of special character or historical interest or value within the City for the continued health, prosperity safety and welfare of the people of Waukegan.

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Ordinance established the Historic Preservation Commission and a mechanism whereby elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history could be identified and preserved.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Daniel R. Patch, filed an application with the Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) wherein he requested Historic Landmark Designation for 408 N. Sheridan Road, known as the Judge Francis E. Clarke House.

WHEREAS, the Commission set a public hearing to consider Mr. Patch's application, and after proper notice a hearing was convened and evidence heard. Thereafter, the Commission prepared a report and made findings of fact which the Commission conveyed to the Waukegan City Council and which are designated Exhibit A and attached to and made a part of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, in its report the Commission has recommended to the City Council that 408 N. Sheridan be designated a Historic Landmark within the City of Waukegan.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Waukegan has accepted the factual findings and recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission and has determined that it is in the public interest and will tend to promote the public health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience and general welfare of the citizens of Waukegan, Illinois to designate 408 N. Sheridan as a Historic Landmark.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Waukegan, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The recitals set forth above and the findings and recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission are made a part of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2:** The City Council approves the application of Daniel L. Patch and hereby designates 408 N. Sheridan as a Historic Landmark. The legal description of the subject property is attached as part of Exhibit A.

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**SECTION 3:** Hereafter any proposed alteration, construction, removal or demolition of the subject structure shall require a Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the Historic Preservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

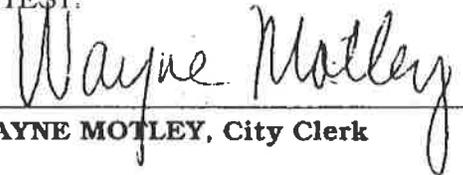
**SECTION 4:** The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to send or deliver executed copies of this Ordinance to Mr. Patch, the Historic Preservation Commission, the City Planning and Zoning Department and the City Building Department. The City Clerk is further directed to record a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Lake County Recorder of Deeds.

**SECTION 5:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with terms of this ordinance, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

  
**MAYOR RICHARD H. HYDE**

ATTEST:

  
**WAYNE MOTLEY, City Clerk**

Presented and Read at a regular meeting of the Waukegan City Council on the 17th day of October, 2005

Passed and Approved at a regular meeting of the Waukegan, City Council on the 17th day of October, 2005.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen Moisio, Figueroa, Newsome, Needham, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham & Balen

AYES: Aldermen Moisio, Figueroa, Newsome, Needham, Larsen, Rivera, Cunningham & Balen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alderman TenPas

ABSTAIN: None

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
CITY OF WAUKEGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING  
100 N. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AVENUE  
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS 60085**  
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**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 408 N. Sheridan Road

**Name of property:**

Judge Francis E. Clarke House

**Name and address of property owner:**

Daniel R. Patch

Peterson & Patch Funeral Home

408 N. Sheridan Road

Waukegan, IL 60085

**Nomination form received by the Department of Planning & Zoning:**

8 July 2005

**Preliminary determination by the Historic Preservation Commission:**

13 July 2005

**Notice of public hearing published in News Sun:**

22 July 2005

**Public hearing:**

17 August 2005

**Recommended for landmark designation by Historic Preservation Commission:**

17 August 2005

**Date of summary report:**

14 September 2005

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**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION (continued)**  
**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 408 N. Sheridan Road

**Current designations:**

City of Waukegan Bicentennial Landmark – 1976

National Register of Historic Places, Near North Historic District, contributing structure - 1978

**Date of construction:**

1875-1876

**Architect and/or builder:**

Porter Brothers, builders

**Original use:**

Residence

**Current use:**

Funeral home

**History:**

The Judge Francis E. Clarke House is an excellent example of the transition from the Italianate to the Queen Anne style that was typical of the 1870s. Although it displays many of the classic features of the Italianate style, there are features that definitely foreshadow the coming popularity of the more unrestricted Queen Anne. Porter Brothers, the builder of the home, built many homes in Waukegan during this period, and their trademark details are in evidence here.

Construction on the house began in May 1875 and concluded in March 1876. The work is particularly well documented in the diaries of David Simpson, a carpenter employed by Porter Brothers. It would have been one of the largest homes in Waukegan at the time of its completion. This, together with its prominent siting on Sheridan Road, spoke to the prominence of its owner, Judge Francis E. Clarke. Significant features displaying the Italianate style include the pair of symmetrical bays with tall narrow windows, the elaborate bracketed cornice and the intricately detailed porch. The Queen Anne is best represented in the unusually shaped central dormer with finely proportioned "gingerbread" trim.

Clarke was born in Vermont in 1828 and following graduation from Dartmouth College in 1851, moved to Waukegan where he was employed as a teacher and then principal of the Waukegan Academy. The following year he was elected Lake County Superintendent of Schools. He was admitted to the Lake County bar in 1855 and formed a law partnership with James S. Frazer under the name of Frazer & Clarke. He was one of the incorporators of the First National Bank of Waukegan, and served as a director and vice-president. In 1879, he was elected County Judge in Lake County.

Clarke died in 1899, and his widow in 1903. Their children continued to occupy the house until 1921 when it was sold to Wetzel & Peterson, funeral directors. That firm had its origins in Marr, Reid & Company which had been founded in 1865 on Genesee Street. The current business, Peterson & Patch Funeral Home, is a direct descendant of that original firm.

Additions to the rear and side have done little to detract from the original design of the house, and today it stands as one of the most prominent and dignified structures along Sheridan Road. Its long use as a funeral home has proven to be a compatible use that has ensured its survival.

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**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION (continued)**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 408 N. Sheridan Road

The Historic Preservation Commission has determined that this structure is eligible for designation on the basis of the following criteria as established in Section 6.2 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance:

*Significant value as part of the historic, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, county, state or country.*

The Clarke house was a significant and noteworthy structure at the time it was completed in 1876, and it remains so today. As a largely intact survivor of the period, the house displays the level of craftsmanship and design that marked this rich period of residential design.

*Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state or country.*

Judge Francis E. Clarke was one of Waukegan's most prominent citizens in the last half of the nineteenth century. Holding various important positions at both city and county level, in addition to years of practice as a successful lawyer, earned him the respect and admiration of his fellow residents.

*Representative of the distinguishing characteristics of architecture inherently valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.*

The large well-preserved home is among the largest built by Porter Brothers, a building firm responsible for some of Waukegan's most striking late 19<sup>th</sup> century homes. The level of detail on this structure, representing both Italianate and Queen Anne styles, is quite remarkable and representative of what was being built for the well-to-do citizens of Waukegan.

*Notable work of a master builder, designer, architect or artist whose individual work has influenced the development of the community, county, state or country.*

Porter Brothers was one of the most prolific builders in Waukegan in the last quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Their trademark attention to fine detail and ornament is particularly well represented in this example of transitional architecture. Their many commissions are well documented in the surviving diaries of David Simpson, a carpenter who worked for them for many years.

*Its unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature.*

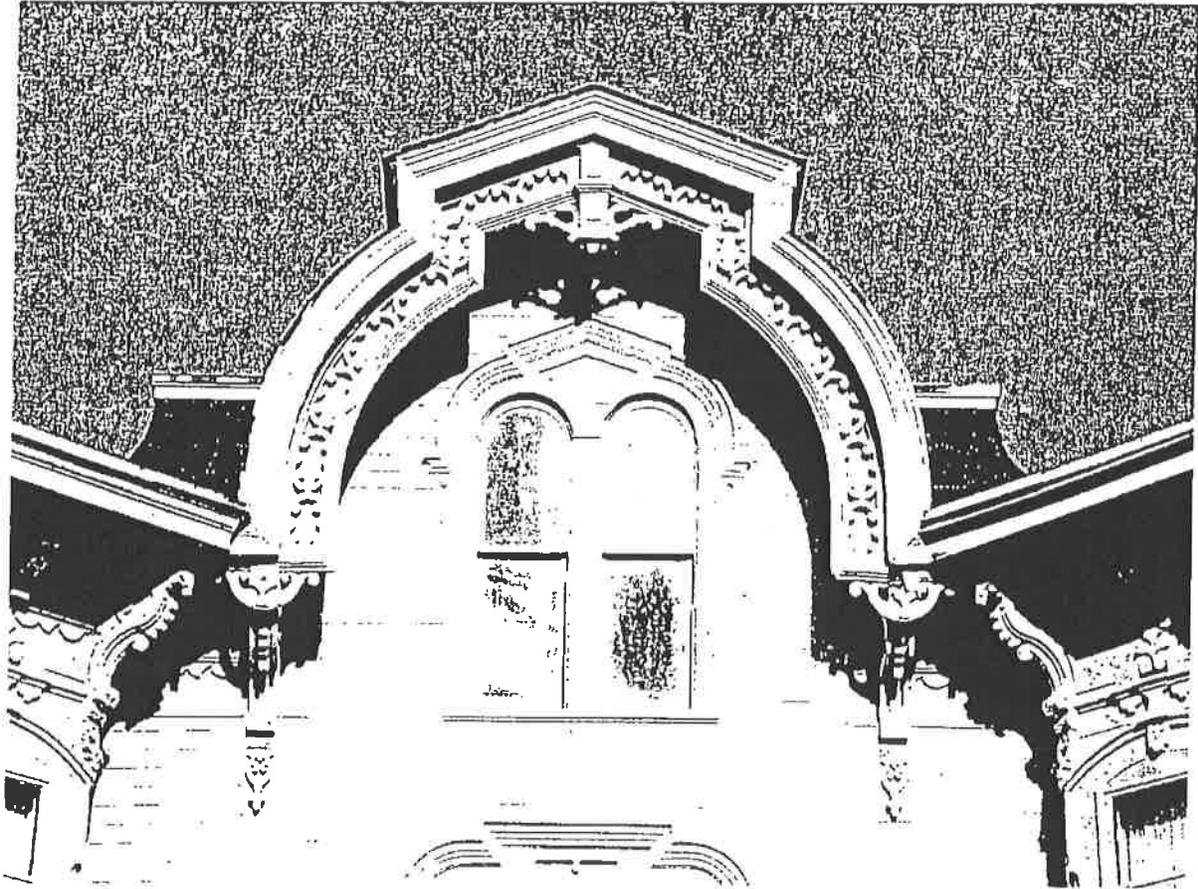
This residence commands one of the most prominent sites in all of Waukegan, located immediately north of Grand Avenue along the west side of Sheridan Road. Its use for over eighty years as a funeral home has also helped to make it amongst the most easily identifiable structures in the city.

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**408 N. Sheridan Road**  
*(Photo taken 2005)*

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**408 N. Sheridan Road, detail of center gable**  
*(Photo taken 2005)*

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
**408 N. SHERIDAN ROAD**

ALL OF LOTS 6, 7 AND 9 (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 3 FEET OF LOT 9) AND VACATED JULIAN STREET (EXCEPT THE WEST 132 FEET THEREOF), IN BLOCK 1 IN FIRST ADDITION TO NORTH SIDE OF TOWN OF LITTLE FORT (NOW CITY OF WAUKEGAN), BEING A PART OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> P.M., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED DECEMBER 3, 1844 IN BOOK "C" OF DEEDS, PAGE 294, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.