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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Office of the Secretary of State  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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Project Number:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: 155 Derby Street  
Address of property: 155 Derby Street  
City Salem County Essex State Mass. Zip Code 01970  
Name of historic district: Derby Waterfront District  
 National Register district     certified state or local district     potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:  
 certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
 certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
 certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
 preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
 preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
 preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:  
Name Marcia M. Cini Title for Tinti, Quinn & Savoy  
Street 222 Essex St. City Salem  
State Mass. Zip 01970 Telephone Number (during day): 744-2948

4. Owner:  
Name Partners Realty Trust  
Street 222 Essex Street City Salem  
State Mass. Zip 01970 Telephone Number (during day): 744-2948

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 9/21/84  
Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number 22-6382222

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

155 Derby Street

Property Name

Derby St., Salem, MA 01970

Property Address

Partners Realty Trust/22-6382222

Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

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5. Description of physical appearance:

See Continuation Sheet

Date of Construction: 1911 Source of Date: Salem City Records, Vol. 30, p. 195 for 6/14/11

Date(s) of Alteration(s): N/A

Has building been moved?  yes  no. If so, when?

6. Statement of significance:

See Continuation Sheet

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached:  yes  no

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#### Physical description - 155 Derby Street

The structure at 155 Derby Street, Salem, is a four-story rectangular wood frame multi-family dwelling with commercial space on the first floor which extends to the west twice the width of the main body of the building. It is immediately adjacent to the brick building to the east and enjoys a corner location to the west. It shares with a number of nearby contemporary turn-of-the-century buildings its scale, its shape and its Colonial Revival references. Sheathed in clapboard it is, excepting the storefront, three bays wide. Most windows have been replaced with correct 2/1 windows. Each window on the second and third stories of the front north facade is topped with a decorative dentillated hood. The center bay features a double window on each of the three upper floors on floors two and three, accented with a pedimented architrave. A pronounced decorative cornice with a dentil course below, supported by evenly spaced flat brackets, caps the flat-roofed building.

A wood and metal sign identifying the sailmaker who occupies the first floor commercial space hangs from the second story over the shop entry. The double-width shop is characterized by a recessed center entry area with flooring of tiny ceramic tiles. This access is flanked by large display spaces which extend the full width of the first floor (except for space at its easternmost end for the entry door to the upper floors). A variegated green marble base and multi-lighted, small paned transoms distinguish the storefront.

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- The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

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Date National Park Service Authorized Signature National Park Service Office

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The building is six irregularly spaced bays deep, and while the decorative cornice extends to the less prominent facades, the elaborated window hoods do not. The cornice also tops a series of stacked porches, one for each unit, which overlook the harbor a block to the rear of the building.

The interior of 155 Derby Street contains now, as it has from its period of construction, an apartment on each of its three upper floors. (The first floor shop is not involved in the rehabilitation for which certification is being requested.) A good deal of original decorative material survives inside. It includes the front wooden staircase, which is in poor repair, and vertical matched board panelling or wainscoting in the rear stairwell. Colonial Revival door and window trim with decorative corner blocks remains throughout. Most original cross-panelled interior doors also survive as does a small amount of chair rail.

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#### Statement of Significance - 155 Derby Street

Its National Register nomination describes the Derby Waterfront District as "residential and commercial... densely settled (and including) buildings of the Federal period... (and) a number of structures... of the eighteenth, late nineteenth and early 20th centuries".

The four-story wooden building at 155 Derby Street (corner of Kosciusko Street) derives its significance from its remarkably intact survival as a good representative example of a turn-of-the-20th-century residential and commercial structure. It and several similar structures nearby (in the same block between Derby Street and the harbor and further down Derby Street itself) give visible testimony to the increased industry-related need for inexpensive housing during the period.

In keeping with the trend of the surrounding Derby Street neighborhood, it passed from owners of Irish descent to those of Polish background early in this century.

The original owner, Maurice Kenneally, dealt in "refreshments" at Fort Avenue. The first floor shop's initial occupant was the Derby Furniture Company. The current tenant in the ground floor shop is a sailmaker, an appropriate link to the area's strong maritime tradition.

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The structure at 155 Derby Street contributes to the latest phase of development for which the Derby Waterfront District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The density of settlement, mixed use and modesty of accommodation it represents are characteristic of their period in a district singled out for its national significance. Its wood frame construction and Colonial Revival references tie it closely to its neighbors of its own and earlier centuries.

This building is the best elaborated example of its type in the Derby Waterfront National Register District. The substantial integrity with which it survives further enhances its level of contribution to that district.