

## ORDINANCE

### COMMEMORATION OF THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF RENOWNED ARCHITECT BENJAMIN H. MARSHALL

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago commemorates the sesquicentennial anniversary of the birth of renowned Chicago architect, Benjamin Marshall; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago has been notified of this momentous occasion by the Honorable Alderman Brian Hopkins of the 2nd Ward; and

**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall, a native Chicagoan, was inspired by the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893; and

**WHEREAS** despite having no formal education in the architectural field, Marshall apprenticed himself in the Chicago architectural firm *Marble & Wilson* and soon became a partner in his own firm *Wilson & Marshall in 1895*; and

**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall hired Charles Fox thus establishing the firm of Marshall & Fox in 1905, responsible for the dramatic development of the Chicago skyline, designing such landmarks including the Drake Hotel, the Blackstone Hotel, the South Shore Country Club, the Edgewater Beach Hotel and Apartments and notable addresses such as 1550 North State Parkway; and


**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall has played a defining role in the history and culture of Chicago's vibrant past in addition to his architectural contributions, and

**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall left a legacy of hotels, theaters, residences and iconic structures across the country, and

**WHEREAS** Benjamin Marshall inspired the creation of the Benjamin Marshall Society and from May 2024 to May 2025 it will join the city in commemorating the Sesquicentennial of his birth;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of East Lake Shore Drive, between North Michigan Avenue and North Lake Shore Drive as "Honorary Benjamin H. Marshall Way." Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



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**BRIAN HOPKINS**  
Alderman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Benjamin H. Marshall (1874-1944)**

Benjamin H. Marshall was a major influence in the architectural history of modern Chicago. Marshall created traditionally detailed buildings that functioned within modern society, ingeniously juxtaposing, conservative and modern features.

Marshall's influence on Chicago's architecture was significant, as he was responsible for the development of many of the city's iconic landmarks.

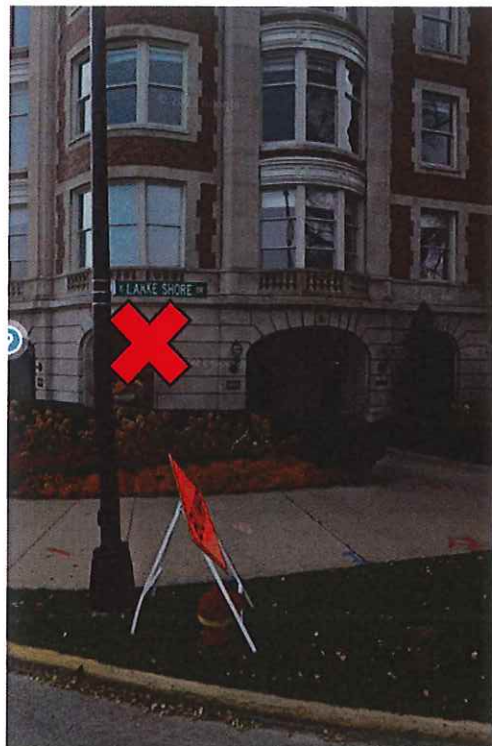
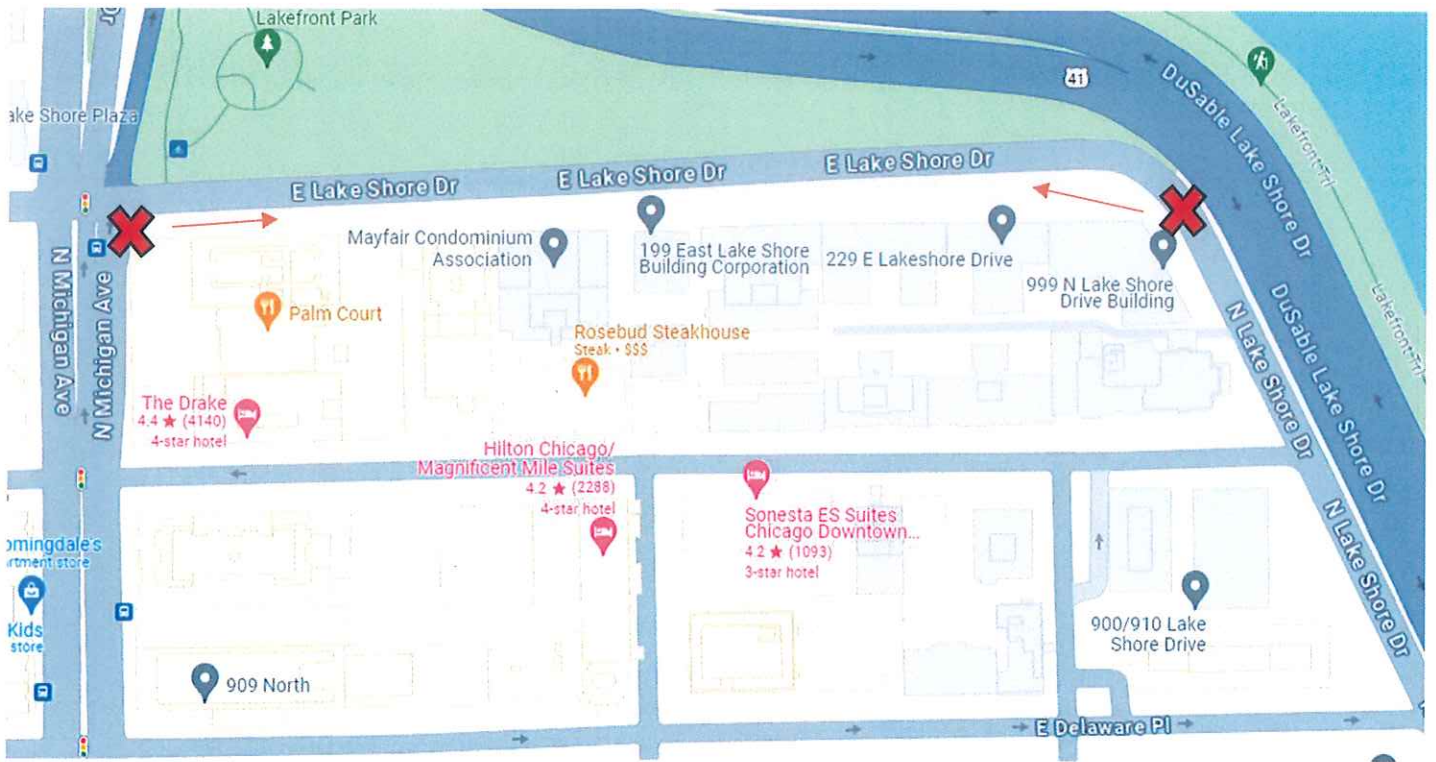
Marshall was known for his ornate and grandiose designs, which often featured intricate details and luxurious materials. He was also a master of scale, often creating designs in an effort to capture the grandeur of his surroundings.

His works have been praised for their timelessness and elegance, and he is remembered today as one of the most influential architects of the early 20th century.

## **REASONS FOR HONORING**

Benjamin Marshall left his mark on Chicago with a variety of buildings including the Drake Hotel, 1550 North State Parkway, and many more iconic hotels, theaters, residences, and even factories. His work is present throughout Chicago and will continue to inspire generations to come.

# MAP





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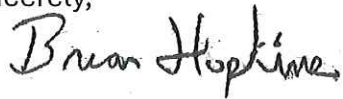
To Whom It May Concern:

I, Brian Hopkins, Alderman of the 2nd Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for Benjamin Marshall from my:

X Ward's aldermanic expense allowance

upon passage of this honorary street designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Chicago Municipal Code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Hopkins".

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Alderman, Ward 2