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Supplementary Listing Record

NRIS Reference Number: SG100003171


Date Listed: 12/3/2018

Property Name: Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District

County: Anchorage

State: AK

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This Property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation

  
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Signature of the Keeper

12/3/2018  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

**Certification:**

The block for "Meets the National Register Criteria" should be checked under the SHPO certification. [This corresponds with the SHPO cover letter submitted with the nomination.]

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The ALASKA SHPO was notified of this amendment.

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District

Other names/site number: AHRS Site No. ANC-04056

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

## 2. Location

Street & number: East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Barrow and Cordova Streets

City or town: Anchorage State: Alaska County: Anchorage

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national  statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A  B  C  D

<u>Joan M. Antonson, Deputy SHPO</u>		<u>19 October 2018</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date
<u>ALASKA</u>		
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		
In my opinion, the property <input type="checkbox"/> meets <input type="checkbox"/> does not meet the National Register criteria.		
Signature of commenting official:		Date
Title :		State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

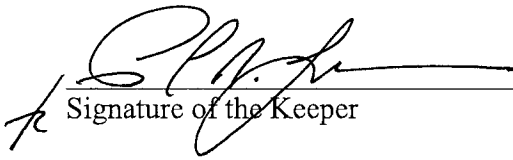
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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

  
Signature of the Keeper

12/3/2016  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

<u>16</u>	<u>12</u>	buildings
<u>2</u>	<u>          </u>	sites
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	structures
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	objects
<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic- single dwelling

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic- single dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Minimal Traditional

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: wood, aluminum, asbestos, vinyl

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## Narrative Description

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### Summary Paragraph

The Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District is located just southeast of the Delaney Park Strip, approximately one-half mile from downtown Anchorage, Alaska. It is in the Third Addition; the third expansion of the original Anchorage townsite. The Block 13 historic district is a unified neighborhood of 28 evenly-spaced residential homes. Sixteen of the houses are considered contributing buildings; twelve are non-contributing. The district has Barrow Street and an alley between East 10<sup>th</sup> and East 11<sup>th</sup> avenues that are contributing to the district. The neighborhood was planned and constructed in 1940 in response to World War II military build-up in Anchorage, to provide family housing for military officers and enlisted men. Block 13 retains historic integrity with most of the properties that define the district's historic character possessing integrity. The relationship among the district's resources has seen little change since its period of significance and the district still conveys the sense of a planned Federal Housing Administration (FHA) neighborhood.

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### Narrative Description

The Block 13 Army Housing Historic District has 28 single family houses, an alley, and one small cross street. Sixteen houses, the alley, and Barrow Street are considered contributing, twelve houses are considered non-contributing. Two of the non-contributing houses were constructed outside of the district's period of significance; the remaining ten non-contributing houses have been modified by large additions and changes that significantly alter their original form, symmetry, massing, and materials. Four houses were demolished in the 1970s when A Street was widened, and the four vacant lots were combined to make green space. Neither the vacant lots nor the non-contributing houses overwhelm the historic character of the district; in fact, the green space along A Street helps define and separate the neighborhood. The district is bounded to the north by East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to the east by Cordova Street, to the south by East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and to the west by A Street. A narrow alley, used for access to rear-facing garages and driveways, divides the lots between East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and stretches from A Street across Barrow Street to Cordova Street. Sidewalks line the streets in the neighborhood.

Block 13 lots were available in two sizes: 45 feet x 140 feet or 45 feet x 70 feet. These were smaller than the Anchorage city standard of 50 x 140 feet. The smaller lot sizes lined the west side of Barrow Street and east side of A Street (the current green space). Nearly all houses in the neighborhood were constructed in 1940 and are small, single-family minimal traditional kit houses manufactured by the Modelow Company in Seattle. The houses originally consisted of two bedrooms, one bathroom, and an open plan living space that included a kitchen, living, and dining room in addition to a utility room located in a small lower gabled wing projecting off one side of the house.

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Each house had a side gabled roof, facing the street or the adjacent property. The original siding was wood lap. Arctic entries were added to most houses on their primary facades soon after construction. Window were placed to either side of the entrance and included paired six-over-one double hung windows on one side of the entrance and two single six-over-one double hung windows on the other side. The window configuration on the gable end that often faces the street included a single six-over-one double hung window and paired six-over-one double hung windows. The location of the paired windows marks the location of the interior living space. The single windows were found in the bedrooms, kitchen, and utility room. Each house had a central chimney located along the gable ridges.

The houses along the west side of Barrow Street and the houses that once stood on the east side of A street were on smaller lots than the houses in the rest of the neighborhood. These houses each had a side gable roof with a rear lower cross gable wing. They had a central doorway with single six-over-one double hung windows flanking each side of the doorway.

Many of the houses have been modified somewhat over the years; additions often consist of a garage or shed, additional living space, porches, and larger arctic entries. Modifications to materials consist of aluminum or vinyl windows and siding. Today, most lots are fenced, and fencing types vary from low chain link, wood slat, and either wood or vinyl picket. Landscape features include mature trees and shrubbery and some defined beds. The houses are generally centered on their lots and similarly set back from the street, allowing for front and back yards. Most houses have paved walks leading from the street to the main entrances. Along the alley, many residents have constructed free standing garages, sheds and other ancillary buildings.

There has been growth and development around the neighborhood since its construction. In 1948 Denali Elementary School was constructed on the north side of East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The school and its facilities, including a sizeable parking lot, occupy the entire width of the Block 13 Historic District. Along the south side of East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, small multi-family housing units were constructed beginning around 1960. These complexes now run the entire width of the Historic District. In the late 1970s, four houses were cleared along A Street for the A-C couplet project. The resulting vacant lots were converted into green space and a large wooden fence was constructed between the green space and houses east of A Street to provide spatial and sound barriers from the enlarged road and increased vehicle noise. The growth around the neighborhood has been consistently distinctive such that it further defines the uniqueness and cohesiveness of the Block 13 neighborhood.

### **Contributing Buildings**

#### 112 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04045) (Photo 1)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a concrete block foundation, and is clad with wood lap siding and wood trim. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The house is turned on its side and faces east to its neighbor, 114 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The two houses share a walkway. A gabled arctic entry faces east and is the main entry to the house. Windows throughout the house are vinyl sliding

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windows with false muntins. A brick interior chimney is present at the center of the gabled roof. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing a front yard. Vehicle access is provided from the alley to the south. A garage addition is affixed to the south side of the house but is not visible from the road. The lot is bordered to the west by a tall wooden fence, and a chain link fence to the north. Though materials have changed at 112 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, such as replacement vinyl windows and new wood lap siding, the window openings remain in their original locations and the original form and massing of the building remains. 112 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

114 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04046)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in standing seam metal, a concrete foundation, and wood lap-siding with wood trim. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The house is turned on its side and faces west towards its neighbor, 112 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The two houses share a walkway. The main entrance is from the west and consists of a wood door accentuated by a railed concrete stoop with a projecting gabled awning. Fenestration throughout the house consists of single-lite picture windows. The north (street) façade contains a canted bay window in the northwest corner. A concrete interior chimney rises through the center of the gabled roof. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing for a front yard. The lot is bordered along the east side by a wooden slat fence and to the north by a black metal fence. A small addition and deck are affixed to the south side of the house; a free-standing shed has been constructed south of the house. Though materials have changed at 114 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, such as replacement vinyl windows and new wood-lap siding, the window openings remain in their original locations and the original form and massing of the building remains. 114 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

124 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-02704) (Photo 2)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a concrete foundation, and is clad in wood lap-siding and wood trim. The house faces north. The main entrance is through a partially glazed wood panel door with a two-light window in a gabled arctic entry projecting from the primary (north) façade. Fenestration on the primary façade consists of six-over-one wood sash windows. A metal and concrete block interior chimney rises through the roof to the west of center. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing a large front yard. Vehicle access is provided via the alley to the south. A paved walk leads from East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the main entrance. A flat roofed addition is present on the west side of the house, at its southwest corner, and is not visible from the street. 124 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains excellent integrity with original windows, siding, and little alteration to the building's original form. 124 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains integrity to contribute to the district.

132 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04047) (Photo 2)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in standing seam metal, a concrete foundation, and asbestos board siding with wood trim. A narrow wooden panel with round ventilation holes rather than slats is present in the gable ends. The house is turned on its side and faces east to its neighbor, 134 E 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A gabled arctic entry roofed with asphalt shingles projects from the east façade of the house and provides the main entrance.

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Fenestration in the northeast corner of the house consists of large paired picture windows, while the window to the northwest is an original six-over-one wood sash window. The west façade retains its original six-over-one wood sash windows. A brick interior chimney rises through the center of the gabled roof. An addition has been constructed on the south side of the house but is not visible from the street. The house is situated toward the center of the property, allowing for a front yard. Access to the house is by a paved walk leading from East 10th Avenue, and by a drive from the alley situated to the south. The lot is bordered on all sides by a chain link fence. A D-log garage is present to the south of the house, bordering the alley. Though materials have changed at 132 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, such as the replacement picture windows and asbestos board siding, the window openings remain in their original locations and most of the original windows remain. The original form and massing of the building remains. 132 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

134 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04048)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a concrete foundation, and wood lap-siding with wood trim. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The house is turned on its side and faces west towards its neighbor, 132 E 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A gabled arctic entry faces west and provides the main entrance to the house. Fenestration on the primary (west) façade consists of paired six-over-one wood sash windows north of the arctic entry. On the north (street) façade, a single six-over-one wood sash window is present near the northeast corner and large paired picture windows on the northwest corner. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing a front yard. Access to the house is provided by a paved walk leading from East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and by a drive from the alley to the south. The lot is bordered to the west by a chain link fence, to the north and east by a plastic picket fence. A shed-roofed addition is affixed to the south side of the house and is not visible from the street. Though some materials have changed at 134 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, such as a couple replacement windows on the north façade, the window openings remain in their original locations and the original form and massing of the building remains. 134 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

142 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave (AHR Site No. ANC-02705) (Photo 3)

This one-story wood frame house has a L shaped plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a concrete foundation and basement, and aluminum lap-siding. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The house faces north with the main entrance through a central gabled arctic entry. Fenestration on the primary (north) facade consists of two six-over-one wood sash windows, with one window situated to each side of the main entrance. A concrete block chimney rises from the center of the gable ridgeline. An attached garage addition to the south of the house faces onto Barrow Street. The garage contains a single overhead door. The garage's flat roof has been converted to outdoor living space and a glass greenhouse is located on top of it. The house is situated near the center of the property at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Barrow Street. Pedestrian access is provided by a paved walk leading from East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The lot is bordered by a white wood picket fence. 142 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue is one of the four houses built on "half lots" along the west side of Barrow Street. Though some materials have changed at 142 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, such as the introduction of aluminum siding and the garage addition on the south façade,



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the house retains its original windows and the original form and massing of the building remains. 142 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

214 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04050) (Photo 4)

This one-story wood frame house has a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a concrete foundation, and aluminum siding with wood trim. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The house is turned on its side and faces west towards its neighbor, 206 E 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A gabled arctic entry projects from the primary (west) façade. Fenestration on the north (street) façade consists of a single six-over-one wood sash window and a pair of six-over-one wood sash windows. Both windows are bordered by false decorative shutters. There are paired six-over-one wood sash windows on the north end of the west façade. All windows have wood storm windows. A concrete chimney rises through the center of the gabled roof. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing a front yard. Access to the house is provided by a paved walk leading from East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and by a drive from the alley to the south. An addition with a garage is located on the south side of the house and is not visible from the street. The lot is bordered on the north and west sides by a chain link fence, and to the east by a low wood slat fence. Though some materials have changed such as the aluminum siding, the house retains its original windows and the original form and massing of the building remains. 214 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

234 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04052) (Photo 5)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a full concrete foundation with a raised basement, and is clad in stucco with wood trim. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The house is turned on its side and faces west towards its neighbor, 232 E 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A large wood shingled arctic entry projects from the primary (west) façade, with the main entry door opening north. A covered porch leads to the main entrance. Fenestration on the north (street) façade consists of one single and two paired six-over-one windows, smaller vinyl sash awning and casement windows are visible at the basement level. A concrete interior chimney is centrally located on the roof ridge. A wood shingled addition has been constructed on the south side of the house. A free-standing garage has been constructed south of the house. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing for a front yard. Access to the house is provided by a paved walk leading from East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and by a drive from the alley to the south. The lot is bordered on the north, east and west sides by a chain link fence. The replacement windows retain their original six-over-one configuration and are in their original locations. Though some materials have changed, such as the introduction of stucco siding, raised basement, an addition on the south façade, and replacement of windows, the original form and massing of the building is retained. 234 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

1009 Barrow Street (AHR Site No. ANC-04054) (Photo 6)

This one-story wood frame house has an irregular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a poured concrete foundation, and aluminum siding. There are simple square metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The main entrance is through a gabled roof arctic entry on the west facade. There is a second gabled project to the south of the arctic entry. Fenestration consists of

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six-over-one wood sash windows on all facades of the house, hung individually, in pairs, and in groups of three. The windows on the north façade and to the left of the arctic entry are the original six-over-one wood sash windows. The house sits at the corner of Barrow Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Access is by a paved walk leading from Barrow Street, and by a drive from the alley to the south. The lot is surrounded by a wood picket fence painted white. The fence height varies; it is low around the north half of the lot and high around the south half of the lot. Though 1009 Barrow Street has been altered some, such as the addition on the south façade, it retains several its original windows and replacement windows retain the six-over-one configuration. The original form and massing of the building is still evident despite the addition on south elevation. 1009 Barrow Street retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

1016 Barrow Street (AHRS Site No. ANC-04055) (Photo 7)

This one-story wood frame house has an irregular plan, a side-gabled standing seam metal roof, a poured concrete foundation with basement, and wood lap-siding with wood trim. The main entrance is through a gable roofed arctic entry that faces east. Fenestration on the primary (east) façade consists of one-over-one windows with aluminum storm windows, one of which is situated to the south side of the main entrance and two are located on the north side of the main entrance. An interior chimney is present near the center of the gable ridgeline. Two later additions to the house are present; a narrow addition to the north, extending the main body form but dropping the roofline, and an attached front gable roofed garage on the north elevation set back from the primary façade. The garage contains a single-car overhead door. The house is situated near the center of the property. Access to the house is provided by concrete steps leading from Barrow Street, and a driveway accessed from Barrow Street. The lot is bordered on the east side by a chain link fence, and on the west and part of the south side by a wood slat fence. Though 1016 Barrow Street has been altered some, with the two additions off the north façade and replacement windows, the original form and massing of the building are still evident and the window are in their original locations. 1016 Barrow Street retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

117 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHRS Site No. ANC-04034) (Photo 8)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a full concrete block foundation and basement, and aluminum siding. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The house is turned on its side and faces west towards its neighbor, 115 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The main entrance is through a shed roofed arctic entry on the primary (west) façade. The roofline is extended to the edge of the house to cover the entrance giving the house an abbreviated salt-box form and creating the look of a porch cut-out. Fenestration on the south (street facing) façade of the house consists of a vinyl fixed picture window above narrow vinyl awning windows and a vinyl sash one-over-one window; the basement contains fixed vinyl single-lite windows. A brick interior chimney extends through the center of the gabled roof. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing side and front yards. A large two-story flat-roofed garage is located to the rear of the house, mostly hidden from street view. Access to the house is provided by a paved walk leading from East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The lot is bordered by a chain link fence. Though some materials have changed at 117 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, such as the introduction of aluminum siding, vinyl replacement windows, and the larger garage on the south of the property, in general the house retains its original form and massing and

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the window openings remain in their original locations. 117 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

135 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHRS Site No. ANC-04037)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a full concrete foundation and basement, and aluminum siding. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The house is turned on its side and faces west towards its neighbor, 129 E 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The main entrance is through a shed roofed arctic entry constructed on the primary (west) façade of the house. The roofline is extended to the edge of the house to cover the entrance. Fenestration on the south (street facing) façade consists of two vinyl picture windows paired with narrow casement windows. The basement fenestration on the south façade consists of smaller paired vinyl casement windows. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing front and side yards. Access to the house is provided by a paved walk leading from East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and from the alley to the north. Two garages have been constructed to the north of the house. The lot is bordered to the west and south by a chain link fence, and to the east by chain link and wood slat fences. Though some materials have changed at 135 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, such as the introduction of aluminum siding and replacement vinyl windows, the house retains its original form and massing. 135 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

145 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHRS Site No. ANC-04038) (Photo 9)

This one-story wood frame house has an irregular plan with a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles and lower rear cross gabled wing. The building has a concrete foundation, and aluminum lap-siding with wood trim. There are simple metal slat louvers in the gable ends. The primary entrance faces south onto East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and consists of a wood panel door and storm door, accentuated by a gabled awning with decorative curved brackets and concrete steps. Fenestration on the primary façade consists of two six-over-one wood sash windows protected with wood sash storm windows, evenly spaced on each side of the doorway. The windows on the remainder of the building are six-over-one wood sash with wood storm windows, except for a bay window on the rear west side. There is a shed roof addition on the north side of the house. The house is situated near the center of the property, allowing front and side yards. Pedestrian access to the house is provided by paved walks leading from both East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Barrow Street. The lot is bordered on the south and east sides by a chain link fence, and on part of the north and west sides by wood slat fences. It is located on one of the smaller lots bordering the west side of Barrow Street. Though 145 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been altered slightly, the original materials, design, form and massing of the building are still evident. 145 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a good example of what the houses along the west side of Barrow Street originally looked like and retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

237 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHRS Site No. ANC-04041)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a concrete foundation and basement, and vinyl siding with vinyl trim. The main entrance is through an asymmetrical front gabled arctic entry constructed on the primary (south) façade of the house. Fenestration throughout the house is varied, with a single large picture window to the west of the main entrance, a projecting kitchen window to the east, and a picture

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window topped by small awning windows near the southeast corner. All windows are vinyl. A concrete and metal interior chimney rises from the ridgeline to the east of center in the gabled roof. Three ancillary buildings, including a garage, have been constructed north of the house. The lot is surrounded by a white wood picket fence. Though 237 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been altered, the original form and massing of the building are still evident and the windows are generally located in their original locations. 237 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

1008 Cordova Street (AHRS Site No. ANC-04053) (Photo 10)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles, a concrete foundation, and aluminum siding. The main entrance is through a gabled arctic entry located in the primary (east) façade. Fenestration on the primary façade consists of six-over-one wood sash windows, one pair to the direct north of the main entrance and two single windows to the south. On the north façade, the fenestration includes one pair of six-over-one windows and one single six-over-one wood sash window. A concrete interior chimney rises just south of center through the gabled roof. A two-car garage has been added on the south façade of the house. The garage contains paired vinyl single-car overhead doors. The house is situated near the center of the property at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cordova Street. Access to the house is provided by a walk leading from the paved driveway. The lot, except for the driveway, is surrounded by a stained wood picket fence. Though some materials have changed, the house retains its original windows and the original form and massing of the building remains. 1008 Cordova Street retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

1032 Cordova Street (AHRS Site No. ANC-04043)

This one-story wood frame house has a rectangular plan, a side-gabled roof covered in standing seam metal, a poured concrete foundation, and wood lap-siding with wood trim. The main entrance is through a south-opening door in a gabled arctic entry on the east (primary) facade of the house. A panel of glass block, similar in size to the entry door, is located on the east façade of the arctic entry. Fenestration throughout the house is varied. The primary (east) façade contains a large picture window to the south of the entrance and a vinyl sliding window to the north. The south façade contains a large picture window to the east and a six-over-one wood sash window to the west. A concrete interior chimney rises from the roof ridge just north of center. The house is situated near the center of the property at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cordova Street. Pedestrian access to the house is provided by a paved and stepped walk leading from Cordova Street. The lot is lined along Cordova Street with a concrete retaining wall and chain link fence. Though 1032 Cordova Street has been altered, such as several replacement windows, and the use of glass blocks on the arctic entry, the original form and massing of the building are still evident and the window are generally located in their original locations. 1032 Cordova Street retains enough integrity to contribute to the district.

Alley and Barrow Street (Photos 11 and 12)

The alley between East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as well as Barrow Street between East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue are contributing sites. The alley was part of the original Block 13 design, and is graveled, and lined by sheds, garages and open space. The alley is used for

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garbage removal and for resident access and parking. Barrow Street was also part of the original Block 13 layout and is unique to the neighborhood's development. The street is one-way, paved, and lined by sidewalks.

### **Noncontributing Buildings**

#### 206 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04049)

This house, a two-story cross gabled wood frame house, was constructed in 1950 and post-dates the district's period of significance.

#### 218 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04051)

This one-story wood frame house has been substantially modified since its original construction. Multiple additions have resulted in alterations to the house's plan, including a large front gabled addition on the primary (north) façade. The scale and massing, original materials, and design are no longer evident. The house is substantially altered from how it looked during the Block 13 Historic District's period of significance.

#### 232 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-02710)

This house, a two-story wood frame house reflective of the American Foursquare style, was constructed in 1940 but substantially altered in 2002, such that no feature remains of its original style, plan, massing, design or materials. It no longer resembles the FHA Minimal Traditional style and is substantially altered from how it looked during the district's period of significance.

#### 115 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04033)

This house, a one-story, front gabled, wood frame house, was constructed in 1964 and post-dates the district's period of significance.

#### 123 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04035)

This house, a two-story wood frame house, was constructed in 1940 but has been substantially altered over the years. Multiple additions to nearly every side of the house, and the addition of a second story, have resulted in alterations to the house's plan, scale and massing; original materials and design are no longer evident. The house is no longer representative of the FHA Minimal Traditional style and is substantially altered from how it looked during the district's period of significance.

#### 129 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04036) (Photo 13)

This house, a two-story wood frame house, was constructed in 1940 but has been substantially altered over the years. Large-scale additions to the north side of the house, including the addition of a second story, have altered the house's plan, scale and massing and original materials and design are no longer evident. The house no longer represents the FHA Minimal Traditional style and is substantially altered from how it looked during the district's period of significance.

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209 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-02717)

This house, a two-story wood frame house, was constructed in 1940 but has been altered over the years. As with 129 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, large-scale additions to the north side of the house, including the addition of a second story, have substantially altered the house's plan, scale and massing, and original materials and design are no longer evident. The house no longer represents the FHA Minimal Traditional style and is substantially altered from how it looked during the district's period of significance.

217 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-03661)

This house, a one-story wood frame house with L-shaped plan was constructed in 1940 but has been altered over the years. Multiple additions have resulted in alterations to the house's plan, scale and massing, and original materials and design are no longer evident. The house is no longer representative of the FHA Minimal Traditional style and is substantially altered from how it looked during the district's period of significance.

225 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04039)

This house, a one-story wood frame house with L-shaped plan, was constructed in 1940 but has been substantially altered. A contemporary addition to the primary (south) façade of the house has resulted in considerable changes to the house's plan, scale and massing, and original materials and design are no longer evident. The house no longer represents the FHA Minimal Traditional style and is substantially altered from how it looked during the district's period of significance.

231 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (AHR Site No. ANC-04040) (Photo 14)

This house, a one-story wood frame house with L-shaped plan, was constructed in 1940 but has been altered. A large addition on the primary (south) façade, excavation of the lot to provide a basement garage, and movement of the primary entry to the basement elevation adjacent to the garage, have noticeably changed the house's scale, massing, and design of the primary façade. The house no longer represents the FHA Minimal Traditional style and is not how it looked during the district's period of significance.

1035 Barrow Street (AHR Site No. ANC-04044)

This one-story wood frame house, rectangular in plan, was constructed in 1940 but has been noticeably altered over the years. Like 231 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the lot has been excavated to provide a basement garage. Multiple additions have changed the house's scale, massing, original plan and design. The house no longer represents the FHA Minimal Traditional style and is substantially altered from how it looked during the district's period of significance.

1026 Barrow Street (AHR Site No. ANC-04042)

This one-story wood frame house with L-shaped plan was constructed in 1940 but has been altered. An addition, the introduction of vertical cedar plank siding, and changes in window sizes and locations have altered the house's plan, scale and massing, and original materials and design are no longer evident. The house is no longer representative of the FHA Minimal Traditional style and different from how it looked during the district's period of significance.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations N/A

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

Community Planning and Development

**Period of Significance**

1940-1942

**Significant Dates**

1940

**Significant Person**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

Euroamerican

**Architect/Builder**

R. H. Stock (builder)

William Manley (architect)

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph**

The Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District is of local significance under Criterion A in the area of community planning and development as it conveys the story of a specific, unique cooperative effort to handle the exponential population growth that occurred during the World War II military build-up in Anchorage, Alaska. The period of significance is the year 1940, when planning and funding for Block 13 were initiated and construction began, to 1942, when the military men were reassigned and their families, who were ordered to leave Alaska for their safety, sold the houses and moved away. Located just southeast of downtown Anchorage, the district is a cohesive group of single-family kit homes constructed by and for military men assigned to Elmendorf Field and Fort Richardson as part of the World War II military buildup in Alaska with families. The Army Housing Association, a cooperative created by servicemen and their families and financed by Anchorage businessman R. H. Stock, was formed to address the housing shortage caused by the exploding population growth that occurred during the military build-up in Anchorage. Planning was completed by William Manley, a local professional architect, and closely followed the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) Technical Bulletins for planning small-scale communities to qualify for FHA mortgage insurance. The military servicemen and officers who eventually occupied the houses completed the land clearing and constructed their own houses. The military families occupied the Block 13 homes for a little over a year. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entry into World War II, the families were evacuated and the Block 13 homes were sold. Despite additions and modifications to many of the Block 13 homes, the neighborhood continues to reflect the vision of the Army Housing Association, R. H. Stock, and William Manley.



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## Narrative Statement of Significance

Anchorage began as a railroad town located around Ship Creek in 1914. By 1915, following congressional approval for a railroad, the townsite to be named Anchorage was platted. The new townsite was laid out in a grid, with streets running north-south and east-west, dividing the area into blocks. As the town developed, areas to the south and east were added to the Anchorage town proper. The South Addition was the first expansion of the original townsite, laid out in August of 1915. The East Addition soon followed in September of 1915. The Third Addition, where the Block 13 neighborhood is located, was added in the summer of 1916. Lots were 5 or 8.3 acre parcels. A 1917 Presidential Executive Order prohibited the subdivision of tracts containing two acres or more to encourage agricultural development. Third Addition had dispersed homesteads, dairies, and fur farms. Though Anchorage was officially incorporated as a city in 1920, the majority of South and Third Additions were outside the city proper. One of the reasons for this exclusion was the presence of a firebreak, what is now the Delaney Park Strip. The area south of the firebreak remained sparsely populated and largely agricultural in nature well into the 1930s.

The onset of World War II sparked unprecedented population growth within Alaska and Anchorage. With its strategic location as the western-most territory in the U.S. and proximity to Asia, Alaska was uniquely situated to host military, air and naval bases, to bolster defenses against Japan. In 1939, the only Army presence on the ground in Alaska was a garrison of 400 troops at the Chilkoot Barracks in southeast Alaska. By 1943, soldiers in Alaska numbered 152,000, more than double the territory's total population of 72,524 in 1940. Without infrastructure to house this many troops, construction boomed. Between 1941 and 1945 the federal government spent well over \$1 billion in Alaska.

The combination of favorable weather, topography, proximity to the Alaska Railroad, and its central location in the Territory made Anchorage an ideal location for an army air base. In April 1939, 43,490 acres of land on the outskirts of Anchorage were withdrawn for Elmendorf Field and Fort Richardson. Construction of the base began in June 1940 and included barracks, hangars, and runways. The base was officially occupied by the Army in August 1940.

As many as 3,000 civilian workers contributed to the construction effort, adding significantly to the population of Anchorage. During construction and operation of Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Field, the population of Anchorage more than doubled, from 4,000 residents in April 1940 to more than 9,000 by the summer of 1941. A housing crisis led to skyrocketing real estate prices and rent gouging. Often garages and sheds were converted into living spaces at outrageous rents.

Despite the 1917 Presidential Executive Order prohibiting the subdivision of lots, Anchorage's first subdivisions in South Addition were drawn in 1938. The South and Third Additions were subdivided into plats following the rigid grid system of the original Anchorage Townsite. Construction of residential housing to alleviate the housing crisis began almost immediately. In

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total, 32 subdivision plats were registered with the city between 1939 and 1945. Wartime development was concentrated primarily in the blocks closest to the Delaney Park Strip.

Civilian construction and service workers were not the only Anchorage residents affected by the housing shortage. It also was difficult for the military to house its officers and enlisted men, not to mention their families. While single men were housed in prefabricated barracks quickly erected at Fort Richardson, housing for men with families was difficult to find. The Army Housing Association, a cooperative created by servicemen and their families, and financed by Anchorage businessman R. H. Stock, formed to address this housing shortage. As the owner of a successful construction company, Stock had undertaken building projects, including roads and bridges in Southeast Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula since 1929. Stock also was responsible for the first paved street in Anchorage, laying concrete and asphalt on Fourth Avenue in 1938.

In 1940, a group of 32 houses were constructed by the Army Housing Association on Blocks 12 and 13 of the Third Addition located on two blocks between East 10th and 11th Avenues and East A and C Streets (later changed to Cordova Street) just southeast of the Delaney Park Strip. Working with the Army Housing Association, Stock secured funding insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) for the construction of the neighborhood. The FHA was authorized to provide Federal insurance for privately-financed mortgages for homes, housing subdivisions, and rental housing. The FHA developed standards, as well as reviewed and approved properties for eligibility for mortgage insurance. While the FHA institutionalized principles for neighborhood planning and small house design, they did not provide stock or prepared plans for housing, wanting to avoid standardization. The FHA hoped to stimulate economic growth by providing funding for local architects and builders, maintaining local traditions to ensure the production of housing suitable to local topography and climate. The FHA outlined some guidelines, including calling for the houses to be small and functional. They recommended that local planners and architects lay out neighborhoods in such a way as to promote a residential, communal, and friendly feel.

Stock enlisted the aid of William Manley of Manley and Troast Architects, a Juneau firm with an Anchorage office. Manley laid out the neighborhood in a continuation of the grid pattern found in the original Anchorage townsite only with slightly smaller lots (45 feet x 140 feet and 45 feet x 70 feet verses the Anchorage standard lot size of 50 feet x 140 feet). The two blocks were separated by a small street running north-south (Barrow Street), and a narrow east-west alley dividing the lots. The narrow streets, alley, and marginally smaller property lots combined to create a cohesive neighborhood that promoted community.

FHA regulations lent easily to the prefabricated housing industry, which was increasing rapidly in response to the demands of war-time activity in the 1940s. Prefabricated and kit houses were often cheaper, readily available, and were sturdy in the short term. They could be easily adapted to local areas by architects and builders, and constructed by someone with basic construction skills, further lowering the cost of the house by eliminating specialized labor. The houses on Block 13 were pre-fabricated kits designed by the Modelow Co., a Seattle-based company that made pre-cut houses specifically for the U.S. territories such as Alaska and Hawaii. Many of the

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kits were customized by Manley or the building owners. The addition of Arctic entries after the families experienced their first Alaska winter was the most common alteration.

Construction of houses on Block 13 began in early August of 1940, and by August 22, 20 concrete foundations had been poured and were awaiting the arrival of the prefabricated housing kits. While Stock managed the construction, the members of the Army Housing Association, who would occupy the houses, provided the labor. The men cleared and graded the roads, laid foundations, water and sewer lines, and erected framing and siding. Each man finished his own house. Officers built their homes on the east half of Block 13 (between Cordova and Barrow streets) and enlisted men constructed theirs on the west half of the block (between Barrow and A streets). By the end of 1940, twenty houses had been completed.

The residents viewed their houses with a sense of pride. Letters written by the men describe long hours of construction on top of regular military duties, but all seem to imply that the work was worth the effort. Lieutenant Raymond Allen wrote to his family in 1940, "As long as I'm building a house, I'm not going to skimp and so will probably run up quite a bill getting everything fixed up. It will be well worth any extra work I want to do, though when it comes time to sell, so I don't think I'll lose." Lieutenant Bert Perrin wrote "We're enjoying our new home in Anchorage immensely and you can never imagine how much fun it is to have a place of your own that raised from a pup."

The duration of military family occupation was short-lived. When the U.S. entered the World War II, following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, Alaska was quickly closed to all tourist activity and soldiers stationed at bases in Alaska were placed on high alert or activated for duty in the European and Asian war theaters. Civilian family members were evacuated within months in response to fears of a pending Alaska invasion, and then by the real event of the Japanese invasion of several Aleutian Islands. Families were given little or no notice of pending evacuation; Joanne Golden, who lived in the neighborhood as a child wrote, "my mother and grandmother only had time to pack a few suitcases." Most of the soldiers and families who had resided in the Block 13 neighborhood never returned to Alaska, and the houses were sold.

Following the departure of the military families, several houses ended up in the ownership of prominent Alaskan pilots, including Bob Reeve, Bill Borland, Ray Peterson and Oscar Underhill in part because it was close to Merrill Field. Today Block 13 remains a cohesive group of small, single-family residences. The houses continue to reflect the minimal traditional style and the simple, utilitarian, and community-minded planning guidance provided by the FHA and envisioned by Stock and Manley. The neighborhood design and layout remain largely unchanged, and the story of its planning and construction, serves as an excellent example of a housing solution to Anchorage's World War II era population boom. Though modifications and additions have occurred over the years, the integrity of the neighborhood layout, and house design and materials have been maintained.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):** N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
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**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** AHRS Site No. ANC-04056

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**9. Geographical Data**

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Block 13 FHA Army Housing Association Historic District is a neighborhood just southeast of the Delaney Park Strip, approximately one-half mile south of downtown Anchorage. It is defined by its original platting and design, and consists of the two blocks bounded on the west by A Street, on the east by Cordova Street, on the north by East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and on the south by East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the houses within these two blocks that retain historic integrity. The boundary is indicated on the “Block 13 FHA Army Housing Association Historic District” map in this nomination.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those of the Block 13 military housing subdivision planned by Stock and Manley in 1940.

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**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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### **Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### **Photo Log**

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County: Anchorage State: Alaska

Photographer: Summer Louthan

Date Photographed: June 1, 2018

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0001  
View south of 112 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue

AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0002  
View south of 132 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave (left) and 124 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave (right)

AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0003  
View south of 142 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue

AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0004  
View south of 214 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue

AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0005  
View south of 234 East 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue

AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0006  
View south of 1009 Barrow Street

AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0007  
View west of 1016 Barrow Street

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AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0008

View north of 117 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue

AK\_Anchorage\_Block 13 Army Housing Historic District\_0009

View northwest of 145 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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View southeast of 1008 Cordova Street

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View east of alley between East 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues

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View south of Barrow Street

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View north of 129 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (non-contributing)

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View north of 231 East 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (non-contributing)

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View east of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and A Street

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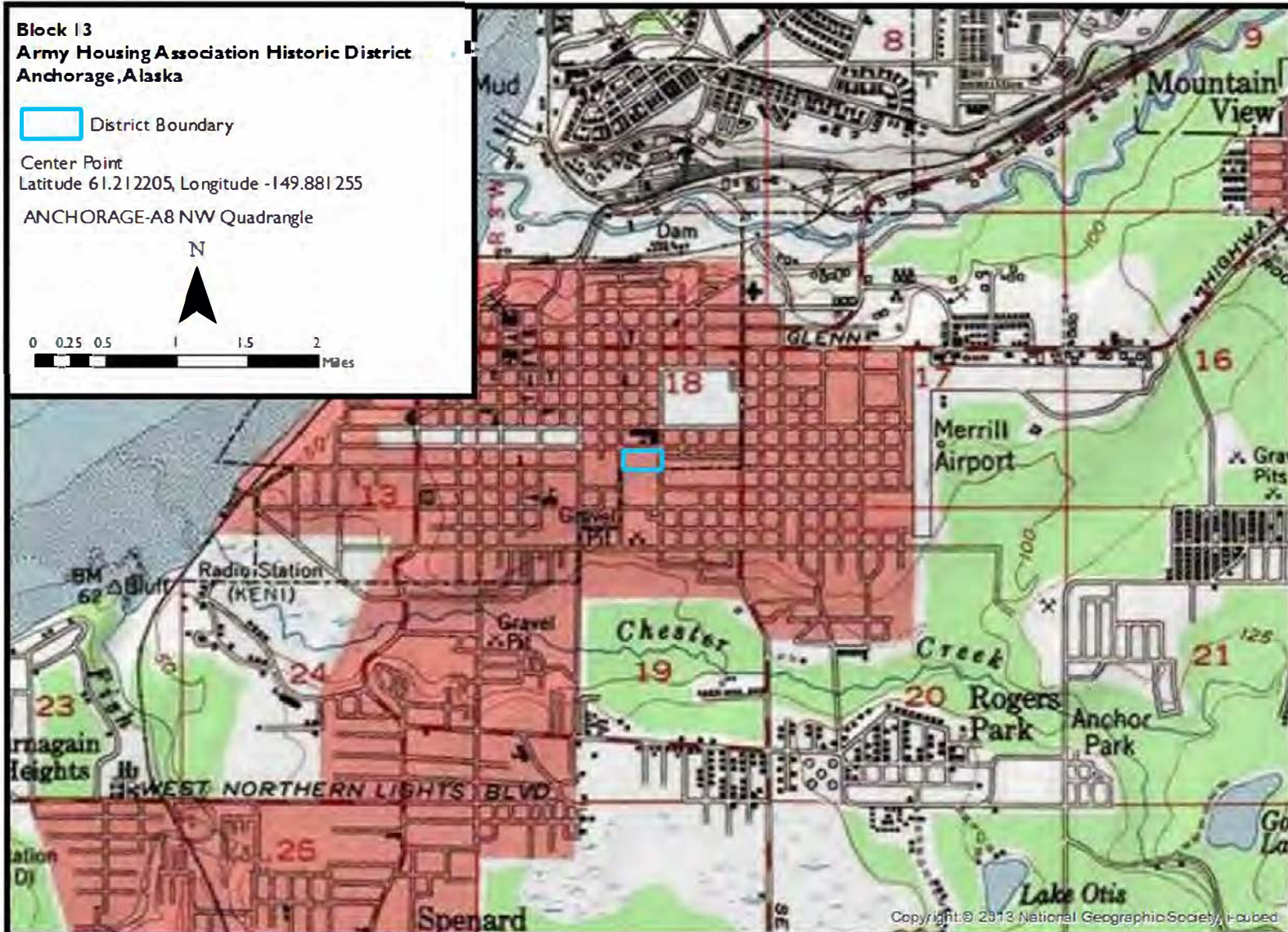
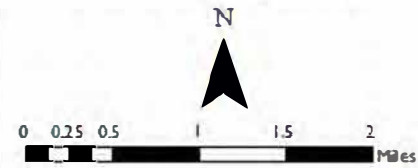


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 District Boundary

Center Point  
Latitude 61.212205, Longitude -149.881255

ANCHORAGE-A8 NW Quadrangle



**Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District  
Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska  
Boundary, Property Key, and Photo Key**

-  District Boundary
-  Contributing Buildings
-  Contributing Sites
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|                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLG  |   |

Accept       Return       Reject      12/3/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: The Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District is locally significant under National Register Criterion A in the area of Community Planning and Development. Built to provide off-base housing to the families of Army officers and enlisted men sent to Anchorage to support the military operations at Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Field during the build-up to World War II, the district's buildings consist of small, wood-frame kit houses manufactured by the Modelow Company of Seattle in the Minimal Tradition form. Although alterations in materials are common, the district's contributing buildings retain the essential Minimal Traditional form, scale and orientation reflecting their unique development history during Anchorage's war-time housing boom.

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept National Register Criterion A

Reviewer Paul Lusignan      Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2229      Date 12/3/2018

DOCUMENTATION:    see attached comments : No    see attached SLR : **Yes**

**ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**VOTING RECORD FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY AND DISTRICT NOMINATIONS**

Date: September 25, 2018

It is moved that the **Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District** qualifies for the National Register of Historic Places

criterion/criteria: **A**

criteria consideration/considerations: n/a

level of significance: **local**

period significance: **1940-1942**

areas of significance: **Community planning and development**

Moved by: **Douglas Veltre**      Seconded by: **Michael Hawfield**

Vote on motion:

IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAIN	RESULT
Colberg		Bittner	Passed 6-0-1
Drabek			
Hawfield			Rejected
Jensen			
Poulson			Tabled
Veltre			

If tabled or rejected, reasons or instructions on how to proceed:

Other comments:

Vice-chair Ross was chairing the meeting and as chair chose to only vote if there is a tie.

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

**ANCHORAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2013-006**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING 740 FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH ADDITION – BLOCK 13/ARMY HOUSING/PILOT’S ROW HISTORIC DISTRICT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Block 13 located in the South Addition Community Council neighborhood is the first Federally-funded community development project in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Block 13 and its development has made a unique contribution to the settlement of Anchorage in several different ways; and

WHEREAS, Block 13 was first designed and built to provide homes to the families of Army officers and enlisted men sent to Anchorage to support military operations at Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Field in the early 1940’s; and

WHEREAS, Block 13 contains architecture design created specifically for this site by renowned engineer Roland Henry Stock; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) along with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) found through the completion of the South Addition Survey Study and the Historic Preservation Plan for Anchorage’s Four Original Neighborhoods that there is compelling information to nominate Block 13 to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as a historic district based on Criteria A, B and C; and

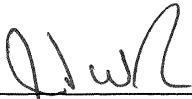
WHEREAS, Fund 740 funding was approved by the HPC to fund the completion of a Determination of Eligibility study to be submitted to the Alaska SHPO for consideration and concurrence on eligibility as the first step to nominate Block 13 to the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the third phase of this project is the completion of the Block 13 Historic District Nomination packet to be submitted to the Alaska State Historic Preservation Commission through the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office; and

WHEREAS, there is Certified Local Government grant funding available to assist in the completion of a historic district nomination of which the HPC has been successful in obtaining in past historic preservation projects.

Therefore now be it resolved, that the AHPC supports the allocation of up to \$5800 from the 740 Fund, Project #514205 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre project to match a CLG grant application for Block 13.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Historic Preservation Commission on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

  
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Jerry T. Weaver, Jr., Secretary

 (VICE-CHAIR)  
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Debbie Corbett, Chair



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October 19, 2018

Re: 3330-2 Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District

Joy Beasley, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
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1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Attn: Paul Lusignan

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are two disks that contain the true and correct copy of the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District in Anchorage, Alaska. Office of History and Archaeology staff worked with Municipality of Anchorage staff and its preservation commission on preparation of the National Register of Historic Places documentation. The Alaska Historical Commission, the state preservation review board, considered the nomination at their September 25, 2018 meeting and determined the district eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Municipality of Anchorage is a Certified Local Government and its Historic Preservation Commission oversaw preparation of the nomination, held public meetings with the property owners, determined the district eligible for listing in the National Register, and submitted the nomination to our office.

Before the Alaska Historical Commission meeting, all owners in the district received a letter about the National Register of Historic Places program with information on the results of listing and an invitation to review the nomination package and comment. The mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage received program information and an invitation to review the package and comment. Before the meeting, the Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, issued a statewide press release, with specific mention of National Register nomination review. No one submitted anything in writing regarding the nomination. Kristine Bunnell, Municipality of Anchorage and staff to its historic preservation commission, attended the September 25, 2018 meeting when the Alaska Historical Commission considered the nomination but did not speak.

The Alaska Historical Commission members determined the Block 13 Army Housing Association Historic District is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A for its association with community planning and development. They determined no criteria consideration needed to be addressed. The period of significance for the district is 1940-1942, starting when the houses were built and ending when the Army reassigned the men and the families were ordered to leave Anchorage after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941. Commission members said the district is of local significance. I have reviewed the documentation, concur with the determination of the Alaska Historical Commission, and signed the form.



Joy Beasley  
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If you have any questions regarding the nomination please contact me at e-mail [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov) or phone 907.269.8714.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan M. Antonson".

Joan M. Antonson  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

enclosures: 2 disks with registration form, 2 maps, 15 photographs, Alaska Historical Commission voting record

Cc: Kristine Bunnell, Municipality of Anchorage, P.O. Box 196650, Anchorage, AK 99519-6650, [bunnellkr@muni.org](mailto:bunnellkr@muni.org)