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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Fire Department Headquarters
City of Louisville

Original Owner
Present Name Fire Department Headquarters

3. Owner's Name City of Louisville

4. Owner's Address 601 West Jefferson Street

5. Location 1135 West Jefferson Street

22. ADD/County JF-L-W-R-1740

23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District

24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75')

6. Open to Public Yes No

7. Visible from road Yes No

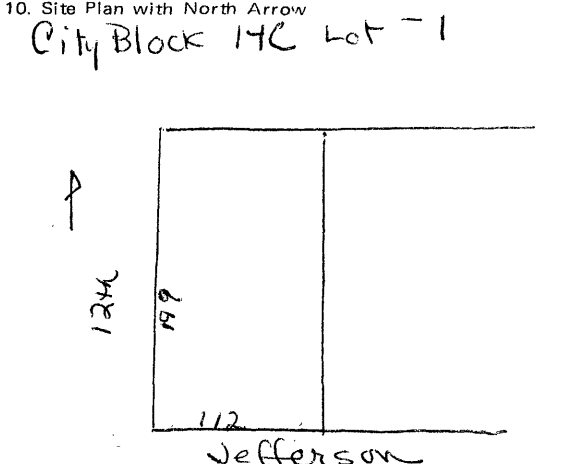
8. Ownership Private
Local
State
Federal

9. Local Contact/Organization Landmarks Commission
727 West Main Street

25. UTM Reference
Zone Easting Northing

26. Prehistoric Site Object
Historic Site Structure
Building

27. District Name: Yes No



11. Architect Brinton B. Davis

12. Builder Sullvian & Cozart

13. Date 1936-1937

14. Style Art Deco

15. Original Use Firehouse

16. Present Use Firehouse

17. Condition Interior Exterior Very Good

28. Significance Evaluation

29. Status National Landmark
National Register
Landmark Certificate
Kentucky Survey
Local Landmark
HABS/HAER

Date 8/18/80
5/16/80

18. Description
The Fire Department Headquarters is a two-story, smoothed coursed limestone structure. The structure consist of four central, bays flanked by two end bays. The four bays each contain an overhead fire door on the first floor. The doors have stylized trim and are surmounted by a stylized panel of geometric shapes. The second floor of each bay has two windows with geometric paneled lintels. Each bay is articulated by a pilaster with

30. Theme Primary
Secondary
Other

31. Endangered Yes No

19. History
This structure was constructed by the city in 1936 as a WPA project at the cost of \$151,000.

32. ATTACH PHOTO

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Picture No. _____
Direction _____

20. Significance
This structure is one of the few buildings in the Art Deco style in the City of Louisville. Especially noteworthy is the use of color in the cornice. The structure was designed by Brinton B. Davis.

33. Tape No. Negative No.

34. Prepared by: Marty Hedgepeth/Director of Research

35. Organization Landmarks Commission

36. Date

21. Source of Information
"Cornerstone of Fire Departments New Headquarters to be

37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review

18. hard edge fluting giving a verticle thrust to the building which is emphasized by thè stepped-down character of the bays. A bas-relief seal of the City of Louisville decorates the central pilaster. The end bays project forward and contain entrys. The doors have stylized patterned surrounds and a stone lintel geometric design. A single window on the second floor is capped with the decorative lintels. The cornice of the entire building is one of its most striking decorative designs. It consists of a narrow band of brass in verticle and horizional desings inset with shields. The brass is accented by a deep blue background.
21. Laid Today, "Courier-Journal, 14 Nov. 1936.
"Louisville Fire Headquarters in Use," Courier-Journal, 25 July 1937.
"Way Paved for New Headquarters," Courier-Journal, 27 Nov. 1935.