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**Re: Main Street Banking Historic District, 2025 Update and Boundary Decrease,
City of Richmond**

Dear Alex Dandridge:

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR), Virginia's historic preservation office, is planning to present the **enclosed** National Register nomination for Virginia's State Review Board and Historic Resources Board for recommendation to the National Register of Historic Places and inclusion in the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Because this resource is within your Certified Local Government, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) is entitled to a sixty-day comment period during which the ARB may review the draft nomination and relay any comments or concerns to the DHR. I hope you will consider the enclosed nomination at your next meeting and relay your comments to us. All comments will be forwarded to the SHPO Director and the Boards for consideration along with the nomination. We have scheduled the nomination for presentation to our boards on **Thursday, June 12, 2025**, and would like to receive your comments by that time in fulfillment of the comment period. This letter serves as notification initiating the sixty-day comment period and no further action will be taken on the nomination until we have received your comments, or the full sixty-day period has passed.

I look forward to receiving your comments. Should you have any further questions regarding the nomination or the register program, please contact Austin Walker, National Register Program Manager, at (804) 482-6439 or austin.walker@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director, Division of Resource Information & Register

cc: Mayor Danny Avula; Sabrina Joy-Hogg
Enclosure

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**Main Street Banking Historic District 2025 Update and Boundary Decrease,
City of Richmond, DHR File No. 127-6031**

The Main Street Banking Historic District was originally listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places in 2005 for its history as the financial center for the City of Richmond and, for a time, the Commonwealth of Virginia. The original district, composed of 21 contributing primary resources, was listed under Criterion A in the areas of Commerce and Economics and Criterion C for Architecture. The original period of significance extended from 1850 to 1941.

A 2013 Update and Boundary Increase expanded the district boundary to include five additional resources (four contributing and one non-contributing), extended the period of significance to end in 1965, and added Law as an area of significance under Criterion A. The expanded period of significance encompassed buildings that were constructed as a result of the 1962 Buck-Holland Banking Bill and are representative early examples of the “establishment of the International Style as the accepted architectural idiom for corporate Richmond.”

This 2025 Update and Boundary Decrease further extends the district’s period of significance to end in 1976, when the Eighth and Main Building at 707 East Main Street was completed. The twenty-story International Style building was designed by the nationally recognized architecture firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM), described in the existing nomination as “one of the most notable architects represented in the historic district.” The building pioneered the use of energy-saving reflective insulating glass in Richmond and was also noted as the first fully sprinklered facility in the city. Although constructed 11 years later than the other high-rises within the 2013 Increase Area, the Eighth and Main Building continued trends that were initiated by the Buck-Holland Banking Bill, as it was constructed to house businesses associated with commerce, economics, and law. By the time of its completion, the building included tenants such as Virginia National Bank; Wheat, First Securities; Hunton & Williams Law Firm; and Galeski Optical. Similarly, the other high-rises within the district continued to house commercial tenants, including those focused on economics and law, who sought to locate themselves within the successful financial district. The district remains locally significant under Criterion A in the areas of Commerce, Economics, and Law, as well as under Criterion C for Architecture.

The 2025 Update and Boundary Decrease also reduces the district boundary to reflect the demolition of the ca. 1962 Virginia Employment Commission Building at 703 East Main Street, previously a contributing resource within the district following the 2013 Update and Boundary Increase.



The National and State Registers in Virginia

A Quick Guide to the National Register of Historic Places and Virginia Landmarks Register

- Established under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the **National Register of Historic Places** is the Nation's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation, administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Properties listed in the National Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture.

In 1966, the Virginia General Assembly established the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, now the Department of Historic Resources. DHR is the State Historic Preservation Office responsible for nominating properties to the National Register and managing the **Virginia Landmarks Register**, the State's official list of properties important to Virginia's history. The same evaluation criteria and nomination form are used for the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

■ **Key Points**

- Listing in the National and State Registers is **honorary**. It recognizes a historic property's importance to its community, the State, and/or the Nation and encourages good stewardship.
- National and State Register listings **do not** place any obligations or restrictions on private property owners. Owners remain free to do what they wish with their property within existing laws and regulations and are not required to restore or maintain a property in particular ways as a result of listing.
- To ensure public participation in the process, property owners and local officials are notified and given the opportunity to comment on proposed nominations. When a nomination is submitted to the National Park Service, another public comment period is published in the Federal Register.

■ **Benefits of Register Listing**

- Owners of listed properties may qualify for Federal and State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, historic preservation easements, and Federal and State grants for historic preservation when funding is available.
- Federal agencies whose projects affect a listed property must give the Department of Historic Resources an opportunity to comment on the project and its effects on the property.

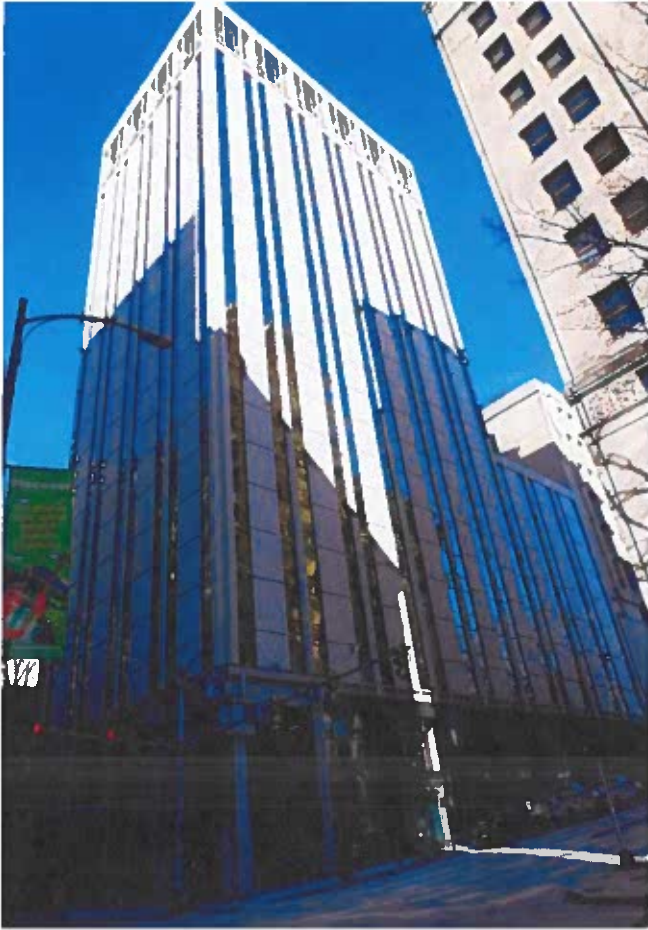
■ **Additional Information**

DHR Historic Registers Program:

<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/programs/historic-registers/>

VLR Online, an online database of State and National Register listings in Virginia:

<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/>



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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: Main Street Banking Historic District (Update and Boundary Decrease 2025)

Other names/site number: DHR ID# 127-6031

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: 700 E Main St, 705-711 E Main St, 801 E Main St, 830-838 E Main St

City or town: Richmond State: VA County: Independent City

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 X 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 X 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 X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B X C ___ D

<p>_____ Signature of certifying official/Title: <u>Virginia Department of Historic Resources</u> State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
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<p>In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.</p>	
<p>_____ Signature of commenting official:</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
<p>_____ Title :</p>	<p>_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>

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and Boundary Decrease 2025)

City of Richmond, VA

Name of Property

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Number of resources previously listed in the National Register to be delisted through
boundary decrease 1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: business

COMMERCE/TRADE: financial institution

COMMERCE/TRADE: professional

GOVERNMENT: government office

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: business

COMMERCE/TRADE: financial institution

COMMERCE/TRADE: restaurant

DOMESTIC: hotel

GOVERNMENT: post office

EDUCATION: college

HEALTH CARE: medical business/ office

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Narrative Description

The majority of the Main Street Historic District (Update and Boundary Decrease 2025) remains unchanged from the Main Street Banking Historic District Nomination Update and Boundary Increase 2013; however, the demolition of the Virginia Employment Commission Building at 703 E Main Street (DHR ID# 127-5641) resulted in a boundary reduction to remove the now-vacant parcel from the district boundary. The Update and Boundary Decrease 2025 is composed of four International Style high-rise commercial buildings constructed between 1962 to 1976 located along E Main Street between 7th and 9th Streets. The district is lined with concrete city sidewalks and street trees, and the resources are constructed to, or almost to, the lot lines of their parcels. The district retains its collection of International Style high-rise buildings that are documented in the 2013 Update and Boundary Increase Nomination.

Additionally, the 21 contributing resources within the original 2005 Main Street Historic District appear to remain intact with no noticeable demolition, retaining their integrity associated with the district's areas and period of significance. This portion of the district features representations of the Beaux Arts, Classical Revival, Renaissance Revival, Italianate, and Commercial styles, including several of the city's earliest skyscrapers. Like the 2013 Update and Boundary Increase Nomination area (and Update and Boundary Decrease 2025), the original 2005 boundary area retains its setting with public city sidewalks and street trees.

At the time of the 2013 Update and Boundary Increase listing, the Eighth and Main Building located at 705-711 E Main Street (DHR ID# 127-6031-0024) was the only non-contributing building within the increase area due to its construction date. Since that time, the district's significance into the 1970s has become apparent through additional research and evaluation of the building's design. The Eighth and Main Building continues the historic and architectural trends seen within the district and becoming a contributing resource to the district. Designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM), the 20-story International Style high-rise incorporates bronze aluminum framed windows in a regular, banded pattern and white granite veneer over reinforced concrete. The rectangular tower has clipped corners, and includes a granite planting bed at the northwest corner and a recessed main entrance on the north corner. For its windows, SOM utilized energy saving solar grey dual thickness reflective insulating glass that had not been previously used in Richmond.¹ The building was also noted as the first fully sprinklered facility in the city at the time of its construction, and was the second tallest building in number of floors, ranking only behind First and Merchants National Bank's F&M Center building.² The high-

¹ "No Landslide, But Business Real Estate Making Gains," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (April 18, 1976).

² "No Landslide, But Business Real Estate Making Gains," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (April 18, 1976).

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Inventory

The inventory below is the result of a reconnaissance-level survey of all previously recorded properties within the Main Street Banking Historic District Nomination Update and Boundary Increase 2013 area in January 2025. Surveyors verified the conditions of all previously-documented resources within the district. The 2025 survey and extension of the period of significance resulted in the identification of 4 contributing buildings, with no non-contributing resources. The survey revealed that one of the five resources within the 2013 Update and Boundary Increase area had been demolished; this resource has been removed from the Main Street Banking Historic District (Update and Boundary Decrease 2025) area as a result of this nomination. The resource that was removed from the updated district boundary is included at the end of the historic district inventory.

Each entry in the attached inventory identifies the primary and secondary (where applicable) resource(s), the resource type (building, site, structure, or object), number of stories, architectural style, approximate construction date, and contributing or non-contributing status. Resources within the Main Street Banking Historic District (Update and Boundary Decrease 2025) are considered contributing if they were constructed during the district's extended period of significance (1941-1976), are associated with one or more of the district's areas of significance, and retain architectural integrity sufficient to convey their historic associations. Alterations to contributing resources were evaluated based on the overall impact of the character-defining features of the building. Resources are keyed to the revised Sketch Map by the last four digits of the resource's 11-digit historic district identification number (e.g., -0001, -0002, etc.).

Main Street Banking Historic District (Update and Boundary Decrease 2025) Inventory

Main Street

East 700 Main Street **127-5639** *Other DHR Id#: 127-6031-0022*
Primary Resource: Bank (Building), Stories 16, Style: International Style, 1964
Contributing Total: 1

East 705-711 Main Street **127-5642** *Other DHR Id#: 127-6031-0024*
Primary Resource: Office/Office Building (Building), Stories 20, Style: International Style, 1976
Contributing Total: 1

East 801 Main Street **127-5647** *Other DHR Id#: 127-6031-0025*
Primary Resource: Office/Office Building (Building), Stories 16, Style: International Style, 1965
Contributing Total: 1

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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

(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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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

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The Main Street Banking Historic District (Update and Boundary Decrease 2025) extends the period of significance to 1976, when the Eighth and Main Building at 707 E Main Street (DHR ID#127-6031-0024) was completed. The 20-story International Style building was designed by the nationally-recognized architecture firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM), described in the existing nomination as "one of the most notable architects represented in the historic district." The building pioneered the use of energy saving solar grey dual thickness reflective insulating glass in Richmond and was also noted as the first fully sprinklered facility in the city. Although constructed 11 years later than the other high-rises within the 2013 Increase Area, the Eighth and Main Building continued trends that were initiated by the Buck-Holland Banking Bill as it was constructed to house businesses associated with commerce, economics, and law. By its completion, the building included tenants such as Virginia National Bank; Wheat, First Securities; Hunton & Williams Law Firm; and Galeski Optical. Similarly, the other high-rises within the district continued to house commercial tenants, including those focused on economics and law, who sought to locate themselves within the successful financial district. The district remains locally significant under Criterion A in the areas of Commerce, Economics, and Law, as well as under Criterion C for Architecture. The Main Street Banking Historic District (Update and Boundary Decrease 2025) also reduces the district boundary to reflect the demolition of the Virginia Employment Commission Building at 703 E Main Street (DHR ID# 127-5641).

⁴ Mary Harding Sadler and Robert J. Taylor, Jr., Main Street Banking Historic District Nomination Update and Boundary Increase, 2013. National Register Nomination. Section 8, page 12.

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Bank, and 830-838 E Main Street was constructed for Fidelity Bank.⁷ Similarly, and despite its slightly later construction, the Eighth and Main Building was constructed to house financial industry businesses such as the Virginia National Bank (VNB) after its merger with the Virginia Trust Company. In 1974, prior to the VNB-Virginia Trust Company merger, Virginia Trust's president Herbert W. Jackson III discussed Virginia Trust's plans to move into the new Eighth and Main Building, stating, "The needs of the bank in this new and more progressive era of banking require us to be located in Richmond's financial heart and in a building which will permit continued orderly expansion and modernization."⁸ Like the other high-rises, the Eighth and Main Building was not built by VNB, but by developers – in this case Cabot, Cabot & Forbes Company out of Boston, Massachusetts, in a joint venture with Wheat Service and Equipment Co. of Richmond, a subsidiary of Wheat, First Securities, Inc. – and office space within the building was leased to VNB and other businesses.⁹ Developers constructing these high-rises utilized the newly available "king-size loans" from the banks that eventually headquartered in the office towers to construct the new, modern buildings.¹⁰

Banks, however, were not the only financial businesses to locate in the new office towers; related financial-industry businesses such as brokerage firms, auditors, accountants, and insurance companies also leased office space within the high-rises. By 1976, the district included businesses such as First Fenwick Corporation, Forbes Association, Merrill Lynch, L. David Applefeld & Associates Insurance, and The Register insurance company, all at 700 E Main Street; Conrad Leslie (crop forecaster), Investment Corp. of Virginia, The Pasco Agency with The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, and Davenport and Co. brokerage firm in 801 E Main Street; and Pain, Webber, Jackson & Curis Insurance, Johnson & Higgins of Virginia, Inc. Insurance, Metropolitan National Bank, and Fidelity Bankers Life Insurance Co. in 830-838 E Main Street.¹¹ In addition to Virginia National Bank, the Eighth and Main Building included tenants such as Wheat, First Securities (previously located in 801 E Main Street, and a joint venture developer for the Eighth and Main Building with Cabot, Cabot & Forbes) and Ernst and Ernst Auditors.¹²

⁷ Mary Harding Sadler and Robert J. Taylor, Jr., Main Street Banking Historic District Nomination Update and Boundary Increase, 2013. National Register Nomination. Section 8, page 17.

⁸ "Virginia Trust Plans To Move to New Site," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (March 28, 1974).

⁹ "Virginia Trust Plans To Move to New Site," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (March 28, 1974).

¹⁰ Mary Harding Sadler and Robert J. Taylor, Jr., Main Street Banking Historic District Nomination Update and Boundary Increase, 2013. National Register Nomination. Section 8, page 17.

¹¹ "Here's How to Consolidate Your Bills," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (December 28, 1976); "ACCOUNTANT," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (December 24, 1976); "Careers," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (October 31, 1976); "We hope you enjoyed "The Glorious Fourth" television special," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (July 12, 1976); "CONRAD LESLIE," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (October 17, 1976); "Business Briefs: Philip Morris Fills Positions at Center," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (November 14, 1976); "THE Pasco Agency Congratulates..." *Richmond Times Dispatch* (February 8, 1976); "City Stock Firms Discuss Merger," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (November 15, 1974); "Paine Webber Announces New DA's," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (May 18, 1976); "We are pleased to announce..." *Richmond Times Dispatch* (May 9, 1976); "PUBLIC AUCTION SALE," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (January 29, 1976); *Richmond Times Dispatch* (March 25, 1973).

¹² "Virginia Trust Plans To Move to New Site," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (March 28, 1974).

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they relocated their offices in August 1976, becoming the first tenants in the Eighth and Main Building (DHR ID# 127-6031-0024) and extending the district's law presence into five floors of the new building.¹⁸ McGuire, Woods & Battle, along with other law firms such as Woodward & Lacy; Maloney, Yeatts and Balfour; and Moncure & Cabell continued to have offices in The Ross Building at 801 E Main Street (DHR ID# 127-6031-0025) through the mid-1970s.¹⁹

Criterion C: Architecture

As described in the 2013 Update and Increase Nomination, this area of the district continues to be an excellent example of the early uses of the International Style in Richmond as "one of the best groupings of the style as applied to high-rise architecture in the city," and represents the "establishment of the International Style as the accepted architectural idiom for corporate Richmond."²⁰ Additionally, three of the four extant buildings were designed by locally- or nationally-recognized architects.

Originally included within the 2013 expansion area, the 1962 Virginia Employment Commission Building at 703 E Main Street (DHR ID#127-5641), which was the first International Style building constructed within the expansion area, was demolished in 2024. As a result of the now-vacant lot's location on the edge of the district's boundary, the empty parcel has been removed from the boundary. The demolished resource was designed by the Richmond-based architecture firm of Carneal & Johnston and, although only three stories in height, was noted as "setting the tone" for the later construction within the expansion area.²¹

Classified as a non-contributing resource in the 2013 Update and Increase Nomination due to its 1976 date of construction, the Eighth and Main Building located at 705-711 E Main Street (DHR ID# 127-6031-0024) continued the International Style architectural trend of the district and is the only identified International Style high-rise designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) in the City of Richmond; it is also one of only four known SOM-designed buildings of any style or type within the City, and ten within the Commonwealth of Virginia.²² SOM is best known for the design of high-end commercial buildings, and they are "credited with leading the way to the widespread use of the "glass-box" variant of the International-style."²³ The firm designed

¹⁸ "No Landslide, But Business Real Estate Making Gains," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (April 18, 1976); "Moving In," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (August 8, 1976).

¹⁹ "Showcase Against Distribution," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (September 27, 1976); "Advertisement of Trustee's Sale of Property Briefly Described as 1405 Calander Court Chesterfield County, Virginia," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (September 24, 1976); "Public Notice," *Richmond Times Dispatch* (August 13, 1976).

²⁰ Mary Harding Sadler and Robert J. Taylor, Jr., Main Street Banking Historic District Nomination Update and Boundary Increase, 2013. National Register Nomination. Section 8, page 12, 20.

²¹ Main Street Banking Historic District Nomination Update and Increase, 2013. Section 8, page 21.

²² Society of Architectural Historians, *Buildings of Virginia: Tidewater and Piedmont*, ed. Richard Guy Wilson (New York: Oxford University Press, Inc., 2002).

²³ Main Street Banking Historic District Nomination Update and Increase, 2013. Section 8, page 22.

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Located outside of the district, the modernist Elder Building located at 600 E Broad Street was constructed in 1982 and is the only other SOM-designed high-rise documented within the City of Richmond. It is characterized by a 13-story, almost-triangular tower connected to a 4-story wing that gives the entire building a rectangular footprint. The Elder Building's exterior has vertical and horizontal bands of red brick framing windows of alternating sizes in a consistent fenestration pattern. Along with general similarities between the Elder Building and the Eighth and Main Building, such as both including high-rise towers with shorter wings and repetitive fenestration patterns and bands of horizontal and vertical masonry materials, the two buildings are visually impressive in their design and materials.

The final SOM-designed building within Richmond city-limits is the Library of Virginia, constructed in 1997. This rectangular, 3-story building with battered granite on the first floor, smooth granite panels on the upper floors, and large windows on each elevation is distinct in its design, massing, and materials from the Eighth and Main Building. Although not within Richmond city-limits, the SOM-designed Reynolds Metals Company International Headquarters (NRHP Listed 2000; DHR ID# 043-0242) is the only other NRHP listed SOM building in the vicinity, and while designed by the same firm, this four-story building places emphasis on its character-defining aluminum and glass curtain walls that make it decidedly unlike the design and materials of the Eighth and Main Building.

The other three remaining buildings within the 2013 expansion area – The Fidelity Building at 830-838 E Main Street (DHR ID# 127-6031-0027), The Ross Building at 801 E Main Street (DHR ID# 127-6031-0025), and The First Virginia Bank Building at 700 E Main Street (DHR ID# 127-6031-0022) – continue to retain their International Style character-defining features as discussed in the Main Street Historic District Nomination Update and Increase, 2013.

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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): DHR #127-6031

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property approx. 1.89 acres

Acreeage of Decrease Area approx. 0.47 acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: N/A

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

Main Street Banking Historic District Update & Boundary Decrease 2025 Coordinates:

1. Latitude: 37.539619 Longitude: -77.437606
2. Latitude: 37.539411 Longitude: -77.437258
3. Latitude: 37.539081 Longitude: -77.437586
4. Latitude: 37.539281 Longitude: -77.437939
5. Latitude: 37.538997 Longitude: -77.437633
6. Latitude: 37.538086 Longitude: -77.436778
7. Latitude: 37.538086 Longitude: -77.437167
8. Latitude: 37.538397 Longitude: -77.437661
9. Latitude: 37.538214 Longitude: -77.437842
10. Latitude: 37.538328 Longitude: -77.438031
11. Latitude: 37.538472 Longitude: -77.437878
12. Latitude: 37.538578 Longitude: -77.438039
13. Latitude: 37.538897 Longitude: -77.436308
14. Latitude: 37.538700 Longitude: -77.435969
15. Latitude: 37.538308 Longitude: -77.436319
16. Latitude: 37.538444 Longitude: -77.436547
17. Latitude: 37.538742 Longitude: -77.436281
18. Latitude: 37.538808 Longitude: -77.436383

Decrease Area Coordinates:

19. Latitude: 37.539281 Longitude: -77.437939
20. Latitude: 37.539081 Longitude: -77.437586
21. Latitude: 37.538578 Longitude: -77.438039
22. Latitude: 37.538819 Longitude: -77.438419

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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.)

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

Name of Property: Main Street Banking Historic District (Update and Boundary Decrease 2025)

City or Vicinity: Richmond (Independent City)

County: N/A

State: VA

Photographer: Celina Adams (CA), Lena McDonald (LM)

Date Photographed: January 8, 2025; March 20, 2025

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