



# City of New Bedford

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** New Bedford City Council

**FROM:** Anne Louro, Preservation Planner

**DATE:** December 28, 2018

**RE:** **BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW**  
**61 Wamsutta St (Map 78 Lot 125)**  
**Circa 1889, 2 storey brick mill structure.**

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In accordance with the requirements of the New Bedford City Code, Article XI, Section 2-157 Demolition of Buildings, the Preservation Planner, designated to act on behalf of the New Bedford Historical Commission, has examined the structure located at the above-captioned site in order to determine its classification per Section 2-157.3 (c),(d).

Having reviewed the application for demolition I offer the following findings and recommendation in this matter to the New Bedford City Council:

- The purpose of the Demolition Delay Ordinance is to preserve and protect significant buildings and structures within New Bedford and to encourage owners of Preferably Preserved Historic Buildings and Structures to seek out alternative options that will preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings.
- The structure is located in the Wamsutta Mill National Register Historic District and is associated with the broad architectural, cultural, economic, political and social history of the City.
- As part of the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the structure to accommodate 30 units of housing, partial demolition of non-historic fabric will occur; including the replacement of windows.
- The rehabilitation is utilizing both the Federal and State Rehabilitation Tax Credit Programs; as such, the project must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

In light of these findings, the Preservation Planner has determined that the structure at 61 Wamsutta Street is a Historically Significant and Preferably Preserved Historic Building; however the building *is not regulated* by the Demolition Delay Ordinance, as the intent is to restore and preserve the building, not to demolish.