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209 S.W. Oak Street

Portland, Block 30, Lots 1-8
QUARTER SECTION MAP #: 2929.5
Downtown Community Association

ORIGINAL FUNCTION: Police Station

DATE BUILT: 1912

STYLE: Second Renaissance Revival

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS BY: Emil Schacht and Son

TAX ASSESSOR'S ACCOUNT #: R-66770-4420

ZONING: C1Z

Rank II

SPECIAL FEATURES AND MATERIALS:

Flat roof with pronounced cornice. Modillions with rosettes in between. Dentils. Smooth stone exterior on ground floor, brick above. Corner quoining. Pilasters. Round-arched windows with round arch and keystones. Decorative stone work at roofline and entry. Strong horizontal divisions.

SPECIAL F/M - SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION:

Additions, 1945, 1956.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Government

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Government: Until 1870, when a regular police system was initiated, law and order was maintained by a marshal appointed by the city council. After 1853, the marshal was elected, but the new city charter of 1864 once again made the post appointive. In 1853, the marshal was permitted to select deputies. By 1870 growth required a more regular police force and such was created by city ordinance on September 12, 1870. The office of chief was created at this time and a new building and jail authorized. In 1870 the state legislature amended the city charter, establishing a state-appointed Board of Police Commissioners to oversee the city's police function.

Political conflict between the state-appointed Board and the city council over directing and financing the police led to a final change in 1874, when the legislature made the Board of Commissioners an elective body holding office for three year terms. The reforms of the 1870's mark the beginning of a professional police force for Portland.

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Jones and Marsh, Addition to the Police Bureau Building, plans, 1944, City of Portland Buildings Bureau Microfiche Collection.

MAJOR ALTERATIONS: 1945/276392/Jones and Marsh

1956/350291/Jacobberger and Stanton

Presentowner as of May 1981: City of Portland

MAILING ADDRESS: 1700 S.W. Fourth, Portland 97201

No Preservation Funding

Negative: 126-14

Score - Design/Construction: 11

Score - Historical: 5

Score - Rarity:

Score - Environment: 10

Score - Integrity: 10

Score - Intrinsic: 16

Score - Contextual: 20

Score - Total: 76