

CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 4-1 OF THE RENTON MUNICIPAL CODE, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 4-1-260, "LANDMARK PRESERVATION," PROVIDING FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR LANDMARK BUILDINGS, SITES, DISTRICTS, STRUCTURES AND OBJECTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, landmark preservation fosters civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past and improves the economic vitality of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to assist, encourage, and provide incentives to public and private owners for preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and use of landmark buildings, sites, districts, structures and objects; and

WHEREAS, King County is able to provide landmark designation and protection services to the City and the City has elected to contract with King County to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, all King County landmarks designated pursuant to the provisions of King County Code 20.62 that are located within the boundaries of the City shall be considered City of Renton landmarks; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 17, 2017, and considered all relevant matters, and heard all parties in support or opposition to the matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Chapter 4-1 of the Renton Municipal Code is amended to add a new section 4-1-260, "Landmark Preservation," to read as follows:

4-1-260 LANDMARK DESIGNATION AND PRESERVATION:

A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this section is to designate, preserve, protect, enhance, and perpetuate those sites, buildings, districts, structures, and objects which reflect significant elements of Renton's cultural, ethnic, social, economic, political, architectural, aesthetic, archaeological, engineering, historic, and other heritage; to foster civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past; to stabilize and improve the economic values and vitality of landmarks; to protect and enhance Renton's tourist industry by promoting heritage-related tourism; to assist, encourage, and provide incentives to public and private owners to preserve, restore, rehabilitate, and use landmark buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects; and to work cooperatively with other jurisdictions to identify, evaluate, and protect historic resources in furtherance of the purposes of this chamber.

B. NOMINATION APPROVAL:

No historic resource may proceed through the nomination procedure of King County Code 20.62.050 until the City has approved the historic resource for nomination. Approval shall be from the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Council. Documentation of City approval shall be provided as part of the nomination submitted to King County.

C. FEE RECOVERY:

The City may require payment from the property owner or applicant for fees paid by the City to King County for service(s) conducted on behalf of a property owner or applicant by King County.

D. INCORPORATION OF KING COUNTY PROVISIONS:

The following sections of Chapter 20.62 King County Code (“KCC”) are incorporated by reference herein and made part of this chapter:

1. KCC 20.62.020 Definitions, except as follows:

a. Subsection H is changed to read: “Director” is the Administrator of the Department of Community and Economic Development, or designee.

b. Add subsection Z: “Council” is the City of Renton City Council.

2. KCC 20.62.040 Designation Criteria, except that the reference to King County is changed to read City of Renton.

3. KCC 20.62.050 Nomination Procedure, except that subsection A is amended to add a sentence at the end of the paragraph to read: All nomination requests shall include property owner written consent and City of Renton approval, without such consent and approval King County will not accept the nomination request.

4. KCC 20.62.070 Designation Procedure, except that references to King County are changed to City of Renton.

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6. KCC 20.62.100 Evaluation of Economic Impact.

7. KCC 20.62.110 Appeal Procedure, except that appeals shall be filed with the City of Renton City Clerk for decision by the Renton Hearing Examiner.

8. KCC 20.62.130 Penalty for Violation of Section 20.62.080.

9. KCC 20.62.140 Special Valuation for Historic Properties, except that the reference to King County in subsection C is changed to City of Renton.

E. LANDMARKS COMMISSION AUTHORIZED:

1. The King County Landmarks Commission (“Commission”), established pursuant to Chapter 20.62 KCC, is hereby designated and empowered to act as the landmarks commission for the City of Renton pursuant to the provisions of this section.

2. The Mayor with Council confirmation shall appoint the special member of the Commission, provided for in KCC 20.62.030. The special member shall have a demonstrated interest and competence in historic preservation. The appointment shall be made for a three (3)-year term. The special member shall serve until his or her successor is duly appointed and confirmed. In the event of a vacancy, an appointment shall be made to fill the vacancy in the same manner and with the same qualifications as if at the beginning of the term, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold the position for the remainder of the unexpired term. The special member may be reappointed but may not serve more than two (2) consecutive, three (3)-year terms. A special member shall be deemed to have served one (1) full term, if that special member resigns at any time after

appointment or if the special member serves more than two (2) years of an unexpired term. The special member of the Commission shall serve without compensation, (except for out of pocket expenses incurred in connection with Commission meetings or programs). The City will reimburse expenses incurred by the member.

3. The Commission shall file its rules and regulations, including procedures consistent with this section, with the City Clerk.

SECTION II. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or work of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after publication of a summary of this ordinance in the City's official newspaper. The summary shall consist of this ordinance's title.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Jason A. Seth, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Denis Law, Mayor

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Approved as to form:

Shane Moloney, City Attorney

Date of Publication: _____

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F. CITY TO NOTIFY COUNTY:

The City of Renton Building Official will promptly refer applications for permits which affect historic buildings, structures, objects, sites, districts, or archaeological sites to the King County Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) for review and comment. The responsible official shall seek and take into consideration the comments of the HPO regarding mitigation of any adverse effects affecting historic buildings, structures, objects, sites, districts or archaeological sites.