

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE _____, WHICH ESTABLISHED A MORATORIUM ON THE DEMOLITION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES.

WHEREAS, the city council adopted Ordinance 999 on May 5, 2014, which established a moratorium on the demolition of certain structure that would be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the city council held a public hearing on Ordinance 999 on June 16, 2014, within the period of time required by RCW 36.70A.390, now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF FINDINGS. The city council hereby adopts the following findings of fact to support the adoption of Ordinance 999:

1. The City of Langley Central Business District has a concentration of commercial buildings that are at least 50 years old and may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
2. The City of Langley does not have adequate standards to address the preservation of buildings listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
3. Langley's historic buildings are a critical element of the unique built environment in Langley that defines the city's sense of place, unique identity and history.
4. It is common for cities to adopt standards or criteria establishing the conditions upon which a building listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places may be demolished.
5. Historic structures are a key element to the city's character, identity, economic revitalization and overall quality of life.
6. The Washington State Growth Management Act and the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical or archaeological significance.
7. The city needs time to further plan what other regulations the city may adopt to better protect structures with historical significance.
8. The City of Langley adopted the six-month moratorium on the demolition of such buildings on May 5, 2014.
9. The public hearing on the moratorium occurred on June 16, 2014 and notice was posted in the June 4, 2014 edition of the South Whidbey Record and posted at key locations in the City of Langley.
10. The moratorium is authorized per RCW 35A.63.220 for a period not to exceed six months unless a work plan is developed related to the need for additional studies.

RESOLVED this _____ day of June, 2014.

CITY OF LANGLEY

MAYOR, FRED MCCARTHY

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, DEBBIE MAHLER

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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