

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN JOSE DESIGNATING 619 N. FIRST STREET AS A
CITY LANDMARK THAT HAS SPECIAL HISTORICAL,
ARCHITECTURAL, CULTURAL, AESTHETIC, OR
ENGINEERING INTEREST OR VALUE OF AN HISTORIC
NATURE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13.48 OF THE SAN
JOSE MUNICIPAL CODE**

**FILE NO. HL22-003
APN: 259-18-055**

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.48 of Title 13 of the San José Municipal Code provides for the designation of structures and/or sites of special historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest or value of a historical nature as landmarks by the City Council of the City of San José (“City Council”); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.48 provides that any historic property can be nominated for designation as a City Landmark by the City Council, the Historic Landmarks Commission, or by application of the owner or the authorized agent of the owner of the property for which designation is requested; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement initiated the procedure pursuant to Chapter 13.48 for consideration of such landmark designation for the building located at 619 N. First Street; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.48 provides that before the City Council may designate any property as a landmark, it shall hold at least one public hearing on such proposed designation, and that before it holds said public hearing, the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement shall schedule a public hearing of said proposed landmark designation before the Historic Landmarks Commission of the City of San José for its consideration and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2023, the Historic Landmarks Commission conducted a public hearing and recommended approval of the designation of 619 N. First Street as a landmark that has special historical, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest or value of a historic nature and made certain findings with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the City of San José Historic Landmark Nomination File No. HL22-003 upon which such recommendation was made is on file in the Planning Division of the City of San José and available for review at 200 East Santa Clara Street, 3rd Floor, San José, CA, 95113, and on the Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement webpage (www.sanjoseca.gov); and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement duly noticed a public hearing on said landmark designation before the City Council for March 28, 2023, or as soon thereafter as said matter could be heard, where the City Council provided all persons full opportunity to be heard and considered all evidence and testimony presented regarding 619 N. First Street; and

WHEREAS, a legal description of 619 N. First Street is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 13.48 of Title 13 of the San José Municipal Code, the Historic Preservation Ordinance, this Council does hereby designate 619 N. First Street as a landmark that has special historic, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest or value of a historic nature.

SECTION 2. Said designation is based on Criterion 6 and Criterion 7 outlined in the Historic Preservation Ordinance:

- **Criterion 6:** *Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen.*

Analysis: The house is an excellent example of the Craftsman style. It embodies many elements of the style, including the peak roofline and flared eaves with ornate fascia displaying Japanese influences and original windows that mimic the roofline. The building is one of the best examples of the Craftsman style on N. First Street and the North San José area. Therefore, the building appears to be eligible for listing as a City Landmark under Criterion 6 because it embodies the Craftsman architectural style and its distinguishing characteristics.

- **Criterion 7:** *Its identification as the work of an architect or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the City of San José.*

Analysis: The house was designed by the renowned architecture firm Wolfe & McKenzie, which specialized in the design of numerous single-family houses in the Santa Clara Valley in the first decade of the twentieth century. Wolfe & McKenzie defined the residential character of the City of San José during the transition from the Victorian era to the modern era. Therefore, the building is eligible under Criterion 7 as the work of an architect whose work influenced the development of San José.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify those persons designated in San José Municipal Code Section 13.48.110, Subsection L, in the manner specified by said Section and to direct the recordation of a Notice of Granting of this resolution in the Office of the Recorder of the County of Santa Clara.

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ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION
FOR
619 N. FIRST STREET
SAN JOSE, CA 95112**

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THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF FIRST STREET, DISTANT 125.00 FEET NORTHWESTERLY FROM THE INTERSECTION THEREOF WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF HOBSON STREET; THENCE RUNNING NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID LINE OF FIRST STREET, 50.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID LINE OF FIRST STREET, AND RUNNING SOUTHWESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID LINE OF HOBSON STREET, 160.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID LINE OF FIRST STREET, 50.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID LINE OF HOBSON STREET, 160.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.