

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-33

A RESOLUTION INITIATING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SALEM REVISED CODE AND SALEM AREA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO UPDATE THE SALEM HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN, IMPROVE AND STREAMLINE DESIGN REVIEW PROCESSES AND UPDATE AND CLARIFY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS AND CREATE A NEW HISTORIC ADAPTIVE REUSE CHAPTER

Whereas, the City Council adopted the Salem Historic Preservation Plan as components and support documents to the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan in 2010; and

Whereas, the Historic Preservation Plan adopted goals and actions to implement the Comprehensive Plan policies relating to historic preservation in the City of Salem through 2020; and

Whereas, the existing Historic Preservation Plan is comprised of five goals related to code improvements, public education, economic and recognition incentives, survey and heritage tourism and the Salem's Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) has successfully accomplished a majority of the tasks identified in the 2010-2020 Historic Preservation Plan; and

Whereas, a Council priority is *Welcoming and Livable Neighborhoods* which includes ensures Salem residents have access to historic and cultural opportunities by supporting Salem's historically and culturally significant buildings and sites; and

Whereas, the City of Salem is a Certified Local Government (CLG) and in March 2019, the City received a Certified Local Government Grant FY 2019-2020 to fund completion of an update of Salem's Historic Preservation Plan; and

Whereas, the City has worked with the community for a year to prepare an update of the Historic Preservation Plan to advance the City Council priority to better ensure Salem residents have opportunities to enjoy and learn from Salem's historic and culturally significant resources; and

Whereas, community stakeholders, including residents, property owners, business owners, community groups, CANDO, NEN, SCAN, public agency officials, interested Tribes, contractors and architects were afforded the maximum opportunity for involvement in the update of the Historic Preservation Plan; and

Whereas, the Plan recommends six goals related to improving public outreach and community education; streamlining historic code, increasing financial support, protecting the natural environment and archaeological resources, encouraging sustainability and surveying historic resources; and

Whereas, the Plan recommends updates and improvements to SRC 230 including the establishment of administrative review processes for minor alterations and demolition of historic accessory structures under SRC 230 and SRC 300; the creation of a new historic adaptive reuse

chapter, (SRC 231); and the clarification and expansion of definitions related to historic design review and the improvement of historic design review standards for windows, signs, new construction, streetscape, relocation, demolition and demolition by neglect; and

Whereas, a “Major Comprehensive Plan Amendment” must be initiated by the City Council under SRC 64.020(e)(1) and amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC) may be initiated by City Council by resolution under SRC 300.1110(a); and

Whereas, a 35-day notification to the Department of Land Conservation and Development is required under SRC 300.1110(d); and

Whereas, the City Council may refer the matter to the Historic Landmarks Commission for public hearing and recommendation under SRC 300.1110(a)(1);

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, OREGON,
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby initiates proposed amendments to the Salem Revised Code, and the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan to update the historic preservation plan and establish new goals and to make necessary code improvements to SRC 230 and SRC 300 and establish a new historic adaptive reuse chapter, SRC 231.

Section 2. The City Council hereby refers the matter described in Section 1 above to the Historic Landmarks Commission for public hearing and recommendation, and public hearing before the Historic Landmarks Commission shall be set for a future date.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 13th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Approved by City Attorney: _____

Checked by: K. Fitzgerald