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AN ORDINANCE relating to the protection and preservation of landmarks in King County; changing the name of the Landmarks Commission to the Landmarks and Heritage Commission; revising and re-establishing procedures for designation and preservation of landmarks; and providing for enforcement and prescribing penalties for violation; amending Ordinance No. 4828, Sections 1-5, 7-8, 10-14 and K.C.C. 20.62.010-.050, .070-.080 .100-.140, as amended and repealing Ordinance 4828, Section 6 and 9, K.C.C. 20.62.060 and .090.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 4828, Section 1 and K.C.C.
20.62.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Findings and Declaration of Purpose. The King County council finds that:

- A. The protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of buildings, sites, districts, structures and objects of historical, cultural, architectural, engineering, geographic, ethnic and archaeological significance located in King County, and the collection, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of historic and prehistoric materials, artifacts, records and information pertaining to the heritage of King County are ((is)) necessary in the interest of the prosperity, civic pride and general welfare of the people of King County.
- B. Such cultural and historic ((assets)) resources are a significant part of the heritage, education and economic base of King County, and the economic, cultural and aesthetic ((standing)) well-being of the county cannot be maintained or enhanced by disregarding ((the)) its heritage ((of the county)) and by allowing the unnecessary destruction or defacement of such ((assets)) resources.
- C. Present <u>heritage and</u> preservation programs and activities are inadequate ((to insure)) for insuring present and future generations of King County residents and visitors a

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genuine opportunity to appreciate and enjoy our ((historical and cultural)) heritage.

- D. The purposes of this chapter are to:
- 1. Designate, preserve, protect, enhance, and perpetuate those sites, buildings, districts, structures and objects which reflect significant elements of the county's, state's and nation's cultural, aesthetic, social, economic, political, architectural, ethnic, archaeological, engineering, historic and other heritage;
- 2. Foster civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past;
- 3. Stabilize and improve the economic values and vitality ((and values)) of landmarks((; sites, districts; buildings, structures and objects));
- 4. Protect and enhance the county's tourist industry by promoting heritage-related tourism;
- 5. Promote the continued use, exhibition and interpretation of ((outstanding)) significant sites, districts, buildings, structures, ((and)) objects, artifacts, materials and records for the education, inspiration and welfare of the people of King County;
- 6. Promote and continue ((private)) incentives for ownership and utilization of landmarks ((buildings, sites, districts, structures and objects));
- 7. Assist, encourage and provide incentives to <u>public</u> and private owners for preservation, restoration, ((redevelopment)) rehabilitation and use of landmark buildings, sites, districts, structures and objects((-));
- 8. Assist, encourage and provide technical assistance to public agencies, public and private museums, archives and historic preservation associations and other organizations involved in the preservation, exhibition and interpretation of King County's heritage;

9. Work cooperatively with all local jurisdictions to identify, evaluate, and protect historic resources in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Ordinance 4828, Section 2 and K.C.C. 20.62.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Definitions. The following words and terms shall, when used in this chapter, be defined as follows unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

A. "Alteration" is any construction, demolition, <u>removal</u>, modification, <u>excavation</u>, restoration or remodeling <u>of a landmark</u>. ((for which permit from the manager of the King County Building and Land Development Division or his designee is-required.))

B. "Building" is a structure created to shelter any form of human activity, such as a house, barn, church, hotel, or similar structure. Building may refer to an historically related complex, such as a courthouse and jail or a house and barn.

- ((B.)) <u>C.</u> "Certificate of appropriateness" is written authorization issued by the commission or its designee permitting an alteration ((or significant change in one or more)) <u>to a significant feature((s))</u> of a designated landmark((, landmark site or district)).
- (($\frac{C}{C}$)) \underline{D} . "Commission" is the landmarks and heritage commission created by this chapter.
- ((Dr)) E. "Community landmark" is ((an easily identified visual feature of a neighborhood or the county)) an historic resource which has been designated pursuant to Section 20.62.040 of this chapter but which may be altered or changed without application for or approval of a certificate of appropriateness.
- 32 ((E.)) F. "Council" is the King County council.
 - ((f+)) <u>G.</u> "Designation" is the act of the commission determining that <u>an</u> ((landmark, landmark site or district))

chapter((for protection and preservation)). $((G_{\tau})) \ \underline{H.} \quad "Designation report" \ is a report issued by the commission after ((an action meeting)) a public hearing setting forth its determination to designate a landmark((<math>\tau$, landmark))

historic resource meets the criteria established by this

site or district)) and specifying the significant feature or
features thereof.

I. "District" is a geographically definable area, urban or rural, possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united by past events or aesthetically by plan or physical development. A district may also comprise individual elements separated geographically but linked by association or history.

J. "Heritage" is a discipline relating to history, ethnic history, traditional cultures, folklore, archaeology and historic preservation.

((H+)) $\underline{\text{K.}}$ "Historic preservation officer" is the King County historic preservation officer or his <u>or her</u> designee.

((I. "Improvement" is any building, structure, or other object constituting a physical improvement of real property.))

L. "Historic Resource" is a district, site, building, structure or object significant in American and/or local history, architecture, archeology, and culture.

((3-)) M. "Incentives" are such compensation, rights or privileges or combination thereof, which the council, or other local, state or federal public body or agency, by virtue of applicable present or future legislation, may be authorized to grant to or obtain for the owner(s) of designated landmarks((7 landmark sites or districts)). Examples of economic incentives include but are not limited to tax relief, conditional use permits, rezoning, street vacation, planned unit development, transfer of development rights, facade easements, gifts, preferential leasing policies, private or public grants-in-aid, beneficial placement of public improvements, or amenities, or the like.

((K.)) N. "Interested person of record" is any individual, corporation, partnership or association which notifies the commission or the council in writing of its interest in any matter before the commission.

((1...)) O. "Landmark" is ((an improvement or object)) an historic resource designated as a landmark pursuant to Section 20.62.060 of this chapter.

((M. "Landmark district" is a contiguous geographic area designated as a landmark district pursuant to this chapter.

N. "Landmark site" is a site, with or without improvement, designated as a landmark site pursuant to this chapter.))

 $((\Theta_{\tau}))$ P. "Manager" is the manager of the King County building and land development division or his <u>or her</u> designee.

((P.)) Q. "Nomination" is a proposal that ((any object, site, improvement or area)) an historic resource be designated a landmark((, landmark site or landmark district)).

((Q+)) R. "Object" is ((any tangible thing, including any ship, which may or may not be attached to real property)) a material thing of functional, aesthetic, cultural, historical, or scientific value that may be, by nature or design, movable yet related to a specific setting or environment.

((R+)) <u>S.</u> "Owner" is a person having a fee simple interest, a substantial beneficial interest of record or a substantial beneficial interest known to the commission in an ((object, site or improvement)) historic resource. Where the owner is a public agency or government, that agency shall specify the person or persons to receive notices hereunder.

((6. "Party of record" includes the commission, the owner, the applicant, the person in charge, and the nominator of any proposed landmark, landmark site or district.))

((T+)) T. "Person" is any individual, partnership, corporation, group or association.

((Θ +)) <u>U.</u> "Person in charge" is the person or persons in possession of (($\frac{an \ object}{a}$, improvement, lot or parcel)) <u>a</u>

landmark including, but not limited to, a mortgagee, or vendee
in possession, an assignee of rents, a receiver, executor,
trustee, lessee, tenant, agent, or any other person directly or
indirectly in control of ((an object, improvement or lot or
parcel of real property)) the landmark.

- ((\forall \vec{V_*})) \(\forall \). "Preliminary determination" is a decision of the commission determining ((\forall \) thet or not)) that an ((\forall \) thet improvement, site or district)) historic resource which has been nominated for designation is of significant value and is likely to satisfy the criteria for designation.
- ((X.)) ((<u>V</u>. "Significant change" is any alteration in a significant feature not requiring a permit from the manager but for which the commission's designation report requires a certificate of appropriateness prior to alteration.))
- ((\foats.)) W. "Significant feature" is any ((\foatscteristic of an improvement, object, site, or district)) element of a landmark which the commission has designated pursuant to this chapter as of importance to the historic, architectural or archaeological value of the ((property for which the preliminary determination or the designation report requires)) landmark.((a certificate of appropriateness prior to alteration.))
- X. "Site" is the location of a significant event, a prehistoric or historic occupation or activity, or a building or structure, whether standing, ruined, or vanished, where the location itself maintains an historical or archeological value regardless of the value of any existing structures.
- Y. "Structure" is any functional construction made usually for purposes other than creating human shelter.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 4828, Section 3 and K.C.C. 20.62.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Landmarks and Heritage commission created-Membership and organization.

- A. There is created the King County landmarks <u>and</u>

 <u>heritage commission</u> ("commission") which shall consist of nine

 <u>regular</u> members <u>and special members</u> selected as follows:
- 1. Of the nine regular members of the commission at least three shall be professionals who have experience in identification, evaluation, and protection of historic resources and have been selected from among the fields of history, architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, cultural anthropology, archaeology, cultural geography, landscape architecture, American studies, law, or other historic preservation related disciplines. The nine regular members of the commission shall be appointed by the King County executive, subject to confirmation by the council, provided that no more than four members shall reside within any one municipal jurisdiction. ((The)) All regular members shall have ((demonstrated an active)) a demonstrated interest and competence in historic preservation.
- 2. The King County executive may solicit nominations for persons to serve as regular members of the commission from the ((King County association of historical organizations))

 Association of King County Historical Organizations, the American Institute of Architects (Seattle Chapter), the Seattle King County Bar Association, the Seattle Master Builders, the chambers of commerce, and other professional and civic organizations familiar with ((landmark)) historic preservation.
- 3. One special member shall be appointed from each municipality within King County which has entered into an interlocal agreement with King County providing for the designation by the commission of landmarks within such municipality in accordance with the terms of such interlocal agreement and this chapter. Each such appointment shall be in accordance with the enabling ordinance adopted by such municipality.
- B. ((All)) Appointments of regular members, except as provided in subsection C below, shall be made for a three year

successor is duly appointed and confirmed. Appointments shall be effective on June 1st of each year. 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. Any member may be reappointed, but may not ((te)) serve ((not)) more than two consecutive three year terms. A member shall be deemed to have served one full term if such member resigns at any time after appointment or if such member serves more than two years of an unexpired term. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation except for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with commission meetings or program.

C. For appointments made in 1992 the King County

Executive shall appoint or reappoint three members for a threeyear term, three members for a two-year term, and three members
for a one-year term. For purposes of the limitation on
consecutive terms set forth in paragraph B, an appointment for
a one- or a two-year term shall be deemed an appointment for an
unexpired term.

((C.)) D. ((The King County executive shall appoint the)) The chairman shall be a member of the commission ((from among)) and shall be elected annually by the regular commission members. ((Within six months of its first meeting, t)) The commission shall adopt ((revised)) per K.C.C. Chapter 2.98 rules and regulations, including procedures consistent with this chapter. The members of the commission shall be governed by the King County code of ethics, K.C.C. Chapter 3.04 as hereafter amended. The commission shall not conduct any public hearing required under this chapter until rules and regulations have been filed with the ((county)) council clerk.

E. A special member of the commission shall be a voting member solely on matters before the commission involving

the designation of landmarks within the municipality from which such special member was appointed.

((E.)) F. A majority of the current appointed and confirmed members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A special member shall count as part of a quorum for the vote on any matter involving the designation or control of landmarks within the municipality from which such special member was appointed. All official actions of the commission shall require a majority vote of the members present and ((voting)) eligible to vote on the action voted upon. No member shall be eligible to vote upon any matter required by this chapter to be determined after a hearing unless that member has attended the hearing or familiarized him or herself with the record.

G. The commission may from time to time establish one or more committees to further the policies of the commission, each with such powers as may be lawfully delegated to it by the commission.

department of ((planning and community development)) parks, planning and resources shall provide staff support to the commission and shall assign a professionally qualified member of the department's staff to ((aet)) serve as a full time historic preservation officer. The historic preservation officer shall be an employee of the ((department)) division of ((Planning and Community Development)) cultural resources. Under the direction of the commission, the historic preservation officer shall be the custodian of the commission's records. The historic preservation officer or his or her designee shall conduct official correspondence, assist in organizing the commission, and organize and supervise the commission staff and the clerical and technical work of the commission to the extent required to administer this chapter.

((Gr)) <u>I.</u> The commission shall meet at least once a month for the purpose of considering and holding public hearings on

nominations for designation and applications for certificates of appropriateness. Where no business is scheduled to come before the commission seven days before the scheduled monthly meeting, the chairman of the commission may cancel the meeting. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public. The commission shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the action of the commission upon each question, and shall keep records of all official actions taken by it, all of which shall be filed in the office of the historic preservation officer and shall be public records. $((H_{-}))$ J. At all hearings before and meetings of the

((H+)) J. At all hearings before and meetings of the commission, all oral proceedings shall be electronically recorded. Such proceedings may also be recorded stenographically by a court reporter if any interested persons at his or her expense shall provide a court reporter for that purpose. A tape recorded copy of the electronic record of any hearing or part thereof shall be furnished to any person upon request and payment of the reasonable expense thereof.

K. The commission is authorized, subject to the availability of funds for that purpose, to expend monies to compensate experts, in whole or in part, to provide technical assistance to property owners in connection with requests for certificates of appropriateness upon a showing by the property owner that the need for such technical assistance imposes an unreasonable financial hardship on such property owner.

L. Commission records, maps, or other information identifying the location of archaeological sites and potential sites shall be exempt from public access as specified in R.C.W. 42.17.310(1.c.), as amended, in order to avoid looting and depredation of such sites.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 4828, Section 4 and K.C.C. 20.62.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Designation criteria.

A. An ((object; improvement, site or district)) historic resource may be designated as a King County landmark((7

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landmark site or district)) if it is more than forty years old or, in the case of a landmark district, contains resources ((improvements)) that are more than forty years old, and possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and:

- 1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history; or
- 2. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state or local history; or
- 3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, style or method of design or construction, or that represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- 4. Has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history; or
- 5. Is an outstanding work of a designer or builder who has made a substantial contribution to the art((; or)) .
- B. An ((object, improvement, site or district)) historic resource may be designated a community landmark because ((of its prominence of spatial location; contrasts of siting; age or scale,)) it is an easily identifiable visual feature of a neighborhood or the county and contributes to the distinctive quality or identity of such neighborhood or county or because of its association with significant historical events or historic themes, association with important or prominent persons in the community or county, or recognition by local citizens for substantial contribution to the neighborhood or community. An improvement or site qualifying for designation solely by virtue of satisfying criteria set out in this section shall be designated a community landmark and shall ((be)) not be subject to the provisions of 20.62. 080.
- C. Cemeteries, birthplaces, or graves of historical figures, properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their

 original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance within the past forty years shall not be considered eligible for designation. However, such a property ((will qualify)) shall be eligible for designation if it is:

- 1. ((a)) An integral part of districts that meet the criteria set out in 20.62.040A or if it is:
- ((1+)) 2. A religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or
- $((2\tau))$ 3. A building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for its architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event; or
- ((3-)) 4. A birthplace, grave or residence of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no other appropriate site or building directly associated with his or her productive life; or
- ((4+)) 5. A cemetery that derives its primary significance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events; or
- ((5-)) <u>6.</u> A reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner $((\dagger))$ or $((\dagger))$ as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived; or
- ((6-)) 7. A property commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own historical significance; or
- ((7-)) 8. A property achieving significance within the past forty years if it is of exceptional importance.
- SECTION 5. Ordinance 4828, Section 5 and K.C.C. 20.62.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Nomination Procedure.

A. Any person, including the historic preservation officer and any member of the commission, may nominate ((any site, improvement, district or object)) an historic resource for designation as a landmark ((or landmark site or district)) or community landmark. The procedures set forth in Sections 20.62.050 and 20.62.080 may be used to amend existing designations or to terminate an existing designation based on changes which affect the applicability of the criteria for designation set forth in Section 20.62.040. The nomination or designation of an ((object or improvement)) historic resource as a landmark shall constitute nomination or designation of the ((site)) land on which ((the object or improvement)) is occupied by the historic resource ((is located)) unless the nomination provides otherwise. Nominations shall be made on official nomination forms provided by the historic preservation officer, shall be filed with the historic((al))preservation officer and shall include all data required by the commission. ((Nominations found to be in order by the historic preservation officer shall be considered by the commission at a public meeting: The historic preservation officer, his or her designee, or the commission, may amend or complete any nomination. The historic preservation officer shall mail a copy of any nomination and of any amendment thereto to the owner upon completion.))

B. Upon receipt by the historic preservation officer of any nomination for designation, the officer shall review the nomination, consult with the person or persons submitting the nomination, and the owner, and prepare any amendments to or additional information on the nomination deemed necessary by the officer. The historic preservation officer may refuse to accept any nomination for which inadequate information is provided by the person or persons submitting the nomination. It is the responsibility of the person or persons submitting the nomination to perform such research as is necessary for

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consideration by the commission. The historic preservation officer may assume responsibility for gathering the required information, or appoint an expert or experts to carry out this research in the interest of expediting the consideration.

- C. When the historic preservation officer is satisfied that the nomination contains sufficient information and complies with the commission's regulations for nomination, the officer shall give notice in writing, certified mail/return receipt requested, to the owner of the property or object, to the person submitting the nomination and interested persons of record that a preliminary or a designation determination on the nomination will be made by the commission. The notice shall include:
 - 1. The date, time, and place of hearing;
- 2. The address and description of the historic resource and the boundaries of the nominated resource;
- 3. A statement that, upon a designation or upon a preliminary determination of significance, the certificate of appropriateness procedure set out in Section 20.62.080 will apply;
- 4. A statement that, upon a designation or a preliminary determination of significance, no significant feature may be changed without first obtaining a certificate of appropriateness from the commission, whether or not a building or other permit is required. A copy of the provisions of Section 20.62.080 shall be included with the notice;
- A statement that all proceedings to review the action of the commission at the hearing on a preliminary determination or a designation will be based on the record made at such hearing and that no further right to present evidence on the issue of preliminary determination or designation is afforded pursuant to this chapter.
- D. The historic preservation officer shall, after mailing the notice required herein, refer the nomination and all supporting information to the commission for consideration on

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the date specified in the notice. No nomination shall be considered by the commission less than thirty nor more than forty five calendar days after notice setting the hearing date has been mailed except where the historic preservation officer or members of the commission have reason to believe that immediate action is necessary to prevent destruction, demolition or defacing of an historic resource, in which case the notice setting the hearing shall so state.

SECTION 6. Ordinance 4828, Section 7 and K.C.C. 20.62.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Designation Procedure.

A. The commission may approve_ ((or)) deny, amend or terminate the designation of an ((site, improvement, ((er object)) historic resource as a landmark or community landmark only after a public hearing. At the designation hearing the commission shall receive evidence and hear argument only on the issues of 1. whether the ((district, site, improvement or object)) historic resource meets the criteria for designation of landmarks((7-landmark sites, or districts)) or community landmarks as specified in Section 20.62.040 of this chapter and merits designation as a landmark((, landmark site, district,)) or community landmark and, 2. the significant features of the landmark ((district, site, improvement or object)). The hearing may be continued from time to time at the discretion of the commission. In the event the hearing is continued, the commission may make a preliminary determination of significance if the commission determines, based on the record before it that the historic resource is of significant value and likely to satisfy the criteria for designation set out in Section 20.62.040. Such preliminary determination shall be effective as of the date of the public hearing at which it is made. Where the commission makes a preliminary determination it shall specify the boundaries of the nominated resource, the significant features thereof, and such other description of the historic resource as it deems appropriate. Within five working

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days after the commission has made a preliminary determination, the historic preservation officer shall file a written notice of such action with the manager and mail copies of the same, certified mail/return receipt requested, to the owner, the person submitting the nomination and interested persons of record. Such notice shall include:

- 1. A copy of the commission's preliminary determination;
- 2. A statement that while proceedings pursuant to this chapter are pending, or six months from the date of the notice, whichever is shorter, and thereafter if the designation is approved by the commission, the certificate of appropriateness procedures set out in Section 20.62.080, a copy of which shall be enclosed, shall apply to the described historic resource whether or not a building or other permit is required. The decision of the commission shall be made after the close of the public hearing or at the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the commission ((after the close of the public hearing)) thereafter.
- B. Whenever the commission approves the designation of ((all or any portion of the district, site, improvement or object)) an historic resource under consideration for designation as a landmark((, landmark site, or landmark district)) it shall, within fourteen calendar days of the public meeting at which the decision is made, issue a written designation report which shall include:
- 1. The boundaries of the nominated ((property)) resource and such other description of the ((improvement or object)) resource sufficient to identify its ownership and location:
- The significant features and such other information 2. concerning the ((district, site, improvement or object)) historic resource as the commission deems appropriate;
- 3. Findings of fact and reasons supporting the designation ((and subsection 2 above)) with specific reference

 to the criteria for designation set forth in Section 20.62.040 ((of this chapter));

- 4. A statement that no significant feature may be changed, whether or not a building or other permit is required, without first obtaining a certificate of appropriateness from the commission pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.62.080 ((of this chapter)), a copy of which shall be included in the designation report. This subsection shall not apply to historic resources designated as community landmarks.
- Whenever the commission rejects the nomination of ((all or any portion of the district, site, improvement or object)) an historic resource under consideration for designation as a landmark((, landmark site, or district)) it shall, within fourteen calendar days of the public meeting at which the decision is made, issue a written decision including findings of fact and reasons supporting its determination that the criteria set forth in Section 20.62.040 ((of this chapter)) have not been met. If an historic resource has been nominated as a landmark and the commission designates such historic resource as a community landmark, such designation shall be treated as a rejection of the nomination for King County landmark status and the foregoing requirement for a written decision shall apply. Nothing contained herein shall prevent renominating any historic resource rejected under this subsection as a King County landmark at a future time.
- D. A copy of the commission's designation report or decision rejecting a nomination shall be delivered or mailed to the owner, to interested persons of record and the manager within five working days after it is issued. If the commission rejects the nomination and it has made a preliminary determination of significance with respect to such nomination, it shall include in the notice to the manager a statement that the provisions of Section 20.62.080 ((of this chapter)) no longer apply to the ((district, site, improvement, or object. Any interested person of record may appeal the approval or

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rejection of a designation in the manner provided in Section 20.62.110 A of this chapter)) subject historic resources.

E. If the commission approves, or amends ((the designation of all or any portion of a district, site, improvement or object)) a landmark designation, the provisions of Section 20.62.080 ((of this chapter)) shall apply ((to the designated district, site, improvement, object or portion thereof)) as approved or amended. A copy of the commission's designation report or designation amendment shall be filed with the ((county recorder)) Division of Records and Elections together with a legal description of the designated ((property)) resource and notification that the provisions of Sections 20.62.080 and 20.62.130 ((of this chapter)) apply $((\tau))$. $((\pm))$ If the commission terminates the designation of an historic resource, the provisions of Section 20.62.080 shall no longer apply to said historic resource.

SECTION 7. Ordinance 4828, Section 8 and K.C.C. 20.62.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Certificate of appropriateness procedure.

A. At any time after a designation report and notice has been filed with the manager and for a period of six months after notice of a preliminary determination of significance has been mailed to the owner and filed with the manager, a certificate of appropriateness must be obtained from the commission before any ((person may make)) alterations ((or significant changes)) may be made to the significant features ((or characteristics)) of the ((district, site, improvement, or object suggested for preservation)) landmark identified in the preliminary determination ((of significance)) report or thereafter ((specified)) in the designation report. The designation report shall supersede the preliminary determination report. This requirement shall apply whether or not the proposed ((change or)) alteration also requires a building or other permit((; provided that t)). The requirements of this section shall not apply to any ((district,

site, improvement or object)) historic resource located within incorporated cities or towns in King County, except as provided by applicable interlocal agreement.

- B. Ordinary repairs and maintenance which do not alter the appearance of a significant feature and do not utilize substitute materials do not require a certificate of appropriateness. Repairs to or replacement of utility systems do not require a certificate of appropriateness ((if)) provided that such work does not alter an exterior significant feature.
- C. There shall be three types of certificates of appropriateness, as follows:
- 1. Type I, for restorations and major repairs which utilize in-kind materials.
- 2. Type II, for alterations in appearance, replacement of historic materials and new construction.
- 3. Type III, for demolition, moving and excavation of archaeological sites.

In addition, the commission shall establish and adopt an appeals process concerning Type I decisions made by the historic preservation officer with respect to the applications for certificates of appropriateness.

The historic preservation officer may approve Type I certificates of appropriateness administratively without public hearing, subject to procedures adopted by the commission.

Alternatively the historic preservation officer may refer appliations for Type I certificates of appropriateness to the commission for decision. The commission shall adopt an appeals procedure concerning Type I decisions made by the historic preservation officer.

Type II and III certificates of appropriateness shall be decided by the commission and the following general procedures shall apply to such commission actions:

((B)) 1. Application for a certificate of
appropriateness ((may)) shall be made by filing an application
for such certificate with the historic preservation officer on

 forms provided by the commission.((, or by filing with the manager an application for a permit to make alterations or significant changes for which a certificate of appropriateness is required because of the pendency of designation proceedings or the terms of a designation report. The application for a certificate of appropriateness shall include all information and materials deemed necessary by the commission. The commission may consider or issue a certificate of appropriateness without the submission of final drawings, plans and specifications.))

- permit for any action which affects a landmark, ((for which a certificate of appropriateness is required before such certificate has been obtained)), the manager shall promptly refer such application to the historic preservation officer and such application shall be deemed an application for a certificate of appropriateness. The manager may continue to process such permit application, but shall not issue any such permit until the time has expired for filing with the manager the notice of denial of a certificate of appropriateness or a certificate of appropriateness has been issued pursuant to this chapter.
- ((#)) 3. After the commission has commenced proceedings for the consideration of any application for a certificate of appropriateness ((for a particular alteration of or significant change)) by giving notice of a hearing pursuant to subsection ((E)) 3 of this section, no other application for the same or a similar alteration ((or significant change)) may be made until such proceedings and all administrative appeals therefrom pursuant to this chapter have been concluded.
- ((E)) 4. Within ((thirty)) forty five calendar days after the filing of an application for a certificate of appropriateness with the commission or the referral of an application to the commission by the manager except those decided administratively by the historic preservation officer

1 pursuant to subsection ((C)) 2 of this section, the commission 2 shall hold a public hearing thereon. The historic preservation 3 officer shall mail notice of the hearing to the owner, the applicant, if the applicant is not the owner, and parties of 5 record at the designation proceedings, not less than ten calendar days before the date of the hearing. No hearing shall be required if the commission, the owner and the applicant, if the applicant is not the owner, agree in writing to a stipulated certificate approving the requested alterations ((or changes or modifications)) thereof. This agreement shall be 11 ratified by the commission in a public meeting and reflected in the commission meeting minutes. ((The commission may, by rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, authorize the historic preservation officer to issue a certificate of appropriateness 15 by agreement with the owner.)) If the commission ((orders)) grants a certificate of appropriateness, such certificate shall be issued forthwith and the historic preservation officer shall 18 promptly file a copy of such certificate with the manager. ((F: If the commission declines to issue a certificate of appropriateness, it shall at a public meeting forward written 21

recommendations to the council with specific findings in respect to the factors enumerated in Sections 20.62.090 and 20:62:100 of this chapter not later than ninety calendar days after referral of the application by the manager to the commission, or after the filing of an application for a certificate of appropriateness with the historic preservation officer, and shall mail a copy of said findings and recommendations to the owner, the applicant, the manager, and interested persons of record within five working days after the recommendations are adopted. In forwarding its recommendations to the council, the commission shall also furnish to the clerk of the council copies of the application for a certificate of appropriateness and such final drawings, plans and specifications as were used by the commission in developing its recommendations.

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G. Within ninety calendar days of receipt of the commission's recommendations, the council may by adoption of an ordinance approve; condition or deny a certificate of appropriateness. Should the council not take action within ninety days, the clerk of the council shall automatically issue a certificate of appropriateness at the end of the ninety day period.))

5. If the commission denies the application for a certificate of appropriateness, in whole or in part, it shall so notify the owner, the person submitting the application and interested persons of record setting forth the reasons why approval of the application is not warranted.

D. The commission shall adopt such other supplementary procedures consistent with K.C.C. 2.98 as it determines are required to carry out the intent of this Section.

SECTION 8. Ordinance 4828, Section 10 and K.C.C. 20.62.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Evaluation of economic impact.

A. At the public hearing on any application for a Type II or Type III certificate of appropriateness, or Type I if referred to the commission by the historic preservation officer, the commission shall, when requested by the property owner, consider evidence of the economic impact on the owner of the denial or partial denial of a certificate. In no case may a certificate be denied, in whole or in part, ((where the commission establishes)) when it is established that the denial or partial denial will, when available incentives are utilized, deprive the owner of a reasonable economic use of the <u>landmark</u> ((object, improvement, or site)) and there is no viable and reasonable alternative which ((has)) would have less impact on the features of significance specified in the preliminary determination report or the designation report. certificate of appropriateness shall be granted, subject to conditions stipulated by the commission, if a structural evaluation-by the owner and confirmed by the commission

demonstrates that the significant feature or features at issue are beyond reasonable repair and a hazardous condition exists.

B. In determining whether denial or partial denial of a certificate of appropriateness will permit the owner reasonable economic use of an object, improvement or site the commission shall consider the following factors;

1. The market value of the site, improvement or object in its existing condition taking into consideration the ability to maintain, operate or rehabilitate the site, improvement or object a. with the alterations or changes sought by the owner and b. without the alterations or changes sought by the owner. Available incentives shall be included in both calculations of market value;

2. The owner's yearly net return on the site, improvement or object, to the extent available, during the five years prior to the hearing;

3. Estimated of the owner's future net yearly return on the site, improvement or object with and without the alterations or changes sought by the owner and with available incentives.

4. The net return and the rate of return necessary to attract capital for investment a. in such site, improvement or object and in the land on which the site, improvement, or object and in the land on which the site, improvement or object is situated without the alterations or changes sought by the owners and available incentives, if such information is available or, if such information is not available, b. in a comparable site, improvement or object and in the land on which such comparable site, improvement or object is situated; and

5. The net return and rate of return realized on comparable sites, improvements or objects not subject to this ordinance.

Upon written request from the commission, the owner or persons in charge shall provide the commission with such

1	information as is necessary and sufficient to make the
2	determinations required hereunder.))
3	B. To prove the existence of a condition of unreasonabl
4	economic return, the applicant must establish and the
5	commission must find, both of the following:
6	1. The landmark is incapable of earning a reasonable
7	economic return without making the alterations proposed. This
8	finding shall be made by considering and the applicant shall
9	submit to the commission evidence establishing each of the
10	following factors:
11	a. The current level of economic return on the
12	landmark as considered in relation to the following:
13	(1) The amount paid for the landmark, the date
14	of purchase, and party from whom purchased, including a
15	description of the relationship, if any, between the owner and
16	the person from whom the landmark was purchased;
17	(2) The annual gross and net income, if any,
18	from the landmark for the previous five (5) years; itemized
19	operating and maintenance expenses for the previous five (5)
0 0	years; and depreciation deduction and annual cash flow before
21	and after debt service, if any, during the same period;
22	(3) The remaining balance on any mortgage or
23	other financing secured by the landmark and annual debt
24	service, if any, during the prior five (5) years;
25	(4) Real estate taxes for the previous four (4)
26	years and assessed value of the landmark according to the two
27	(2) most recent assessed valuations;
28	(5) All appraisals obtained within the previous
29	three (3) years by the owner in connection with the purchase,
30	financing or ownership of the landmark;
31	(6) The fair market value of the landmark
32	immediately prior to its designation and the fair market value
33	of the landmark (in its protected status as a designated
34	landmark) at the time the application is filed;

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1	(7) Form of ownership or operation of the
2	landmark, whether sole proprietorship, for profit or
3	not-for-profit corporation, limited partnership, joint venture,
4	or both;
5	(8) Any state or federal income tax returns on
6	or relating to the landmark for the past two (2) years.
7	b. The landmark is not marketable or able to be
8	sold when listed for sale or lease. The sale price asked, and
9	offers received, if any, within the previous two (2) years,
10	including testimony and relevant documents shall be submitted
11	by the property owner. The following also shall be considered:
12	(1) Any real estate broker or firm engaged to
13	sell or lease the landmark;
14	(2) Reasonableness of the price or lease sought
15	by the owner;
L6	(3) Any advertisements placed for the sale or
17	<u>lease of the landmark.</u>
18	c. The infeasibility of alternative uses that can
L9·	earn a reasonable economic return for the landmark as
20	considered in relation to the following:
21	(1) A report from a licensed engineer or
22	architect with experience in historic restoration or
23	rehabilitation as to the structural soundness of the landmark
24	and its suitability for restoration or rehabilitation;
25	(2) Estimates of the proposed cost of the
26	proposed alteration and an estimate of any additional cost that
27	would be incurred to comply with the recommendation and
28	decision of the commission concerning the appropriateness of
29	the proposed alteration;
30	(3) Estimated market value of the landmark in
31	the current condition after completion of the proposed
32	alteration; and, in the case of proposed demolition, after
33	renovation of the landmark for continued use;
34	(4) In the case of proposed demolition, the
35	testimony of an architect, developer, real estate consultant,

appraiser or other real estate professional experienced in historic restoration or rehabilitation as to the economic feasibility of rehabilitation or reuse of the existing landmark;

- (5) The infeasibility of new construction around, above, or below the historic resource.
- d. Potential economic incentives and/or funding available to the owner through federal, state, county, city or private programs.
- 2. The owner has the present intent and the secured financial ability, demonstrated by appropriate documentary evidence to complete the alteration.
- C. Notwithstanding the foregoing enumerated factors, the property owner may demonstrate other appropriate factors applicable to economic return.
- ((G+)) D. Upon reasonable notice to the owner, the commission may appoint an expert or experts to provide advice and/or testimony concerning the value of the ((property)) landmark, the availability of incentives and the economic impacts of approval, denial or partial denial of a certificate of appropriateness.
- E. Any adverse economic impact caused intentionally or by willful neglect shall not constitute a basis for granting a certificate of appropriateness.

SECTION 9. Ordinance 4828, Section 11 and K.C.C. 20.62.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Appeal procedure ((for reconsideration)).

((A. Any interested person of record aggrieved by a preliminary determination of the commission finding that a district, site, improvement or object is ineligible for designation may, within thirty five calendar days of the date of notice of the determination, petition the commission for reconsideration of that determination on the ground that the determination was based on errors or omissions of fact or that new information bearing on the determination and not

1 discoverable by the petitioner at the time of the determination 2 is available. The petition for reconsideration shall be filed 3 with the historic preservation officer and shall be accompanied by a statement of the grounds for the petition and supporting 5 6 7 Я 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 2.2 23 24 25

documents. Within sixty calendar days of a petition for reconsideration, the commission shall, after review of the record, affirm, modify or reverse its prior determination and may render a revised determination. The commission may, in its discretion, hold a hearing on the petition for reconsideration. The action of the commission denying reconsideration and affirming its preliminary determination that a district, site, improvement or object is incligible for designation shall be final unless, within twenty calendar days from the date of the action, an interested person of record obtains a writ of certiorari from the superior court of King County, state of Washington, for the purpose of review of the action taken. If the commission determines, upon reconsideration, that the district, site, improvement or object is eligible for designation; a hearing on the designation shall be scheduled pursuant to Section 20.62.070, and the provisions of Section 20.62.080 shall apply. ((B.)) A. Any ((interested)) person ((of record)) aggrieved by a decision of the commission designating or rejecting a nomination for designation of a ((district, site, improvement or object)) landmark or issuing or denying a certificate of appropriateness may, within thirty-five calendar days of mailing of notice of such designation or rejection of nomination, or of such issuance of denial or approval of a

certificate of appropriateness appeal such decision in writing to the council. The written notice of appeal shall be filed with the historic preservation officer and the clerk of the council and shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the grounds of the appeal, supporting documents and argument. ((1.)) B. If after examination of the written appeal

and the record, the council determines that: ((a.)) 1. An

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error in fact may exist in the record, it shall remand the proceeding to the commission for reconsideration or, if the council determines that: ((b-)) 2. The decision of the commission is based on an error in judgment or conclusion, it may modify or reverse the decision of the commission.

((2-)) <u>C.</u> The council's ((consideration)) <u>decision</u> shall be based <u>solely</u> upon the record, ((only; however)) <u>provided that</u>, the council may at its discretion publicly request additional information of the appellant, the commission or the historic preservation officer.

appeal from a decision of the commission by adoption of an ordinance, and when so doing, it shall make and enter findings of fact from the record and reasons therefrom which support its action. ((Said findings and reasons shall set forth and demonstrate the manner in which the action carries out and helps to implement the goals, objectives and criteria set forth in this chapter and other King County policies and objectives.)) The council may adopt all or portions of the commission's findings and ((reasons)) conclusions.

((4-)) <u>E.</u> The action of the council ((approving or rejecting)) sustaining, reversing, modifying or remanding a decision ((or recommendation)) of the commission shall be final unless within twenty <u>calendar</u> days from the date of the action an ((interested)) aggrieved person((of record)) obtains a writ of certiorari from the superior court of King County, state of Washington, for the purpose of review of the action taken.

SECTION 10. Ordinance 4828, Section 12 and K.C.C. 20.62.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. The commission shall have the power to make <u>and</u>

<u>administer</u> grants of funds received by it from private sources

and from local, state and federal programs for purposes of:

1. ((m)) Maintaining, purchasing or restoring
((improvements, sites or districts)) historic resources located

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33 34 within King County which it deems significant pursuant to the goals, objectives and criteria set forth in this chapter if such ((improvements, sites or districts)) historic resources have been nominated or designated as landmarks pursuant to this chapter((-)) or have been designated as landmarks by municipalities within King County or by the State of Washington, or are listed on the National Historic Landmarks Register, the National Register of Historic Places; and

2. Developing and conducting programs relating to archaeology, cultural heritage and technical assistance to heritage museums, heritage organizations and public agencies.

The commission shall establish rules and regulations consistent with K.C.C. 2.98 governing procedures for applying for and awarding of grant monies pursuant to this section.

The commission may, at the request of the historic preservation officer and King County ((D))department of ((Planning and Community Development)) parks, planning and resources, review proposals submitted to that department for funds made available for grants to be made by the department through the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seg., the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, 31 U.S.C. 1221 et seq., the Museum Assistance Program and other applicable local, state and federal funding programs. Upon review of such grant proposals, the commission shall make recommendations to the department concerning which proposals should be funded, the amount of the grants that should be awarded, the conditions that should be placed on the grant, and such other matters that the commission deems appropriate. The historic preservation officer shall keep the commission apprised of the status of grant proposals, deadlines for submission of proposals and the recipients of grant funds.

SECTION 11. Ordinance 4828, Section 13 and K.C.C. 20.62.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Penalty for violation of Section 20.62.080

 Any person violating or failing to comply with the provisions of Section 20.62.080 of this chapter shall incur a civil penalty of up to five hundred dollars per day and each day's violation or failure to comply shall constitute a separate offense; provided, however, that no penalty shall be imposed for any violation or failure to comply which occurs during the pendency of legal proceedings filed in any court challenging the validity of the provision or provisions of this chapter as to which such violations or failure to comply is charged.

SECTION 12 Ordinance 9237 and K.C.C. 20.62.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Special Valuation for historic properties.

- A. There is hereby established and implemented a special valuation for historic properties as provided in Chapter 221, 1986 Laws of Washington and Chapter 84.26 RCW.
- B. The King County ((Landmarks)) landmark and heritage commission is hereby designated as the "Local Review Board" for the purposes related to Chapter 221, 1986 Laws of Washington, and is authorized to perform all functions required by Chapter 221, 1986 Laws of Washington, Chapter 84.26 RCW, and Chapter 254.20 WAC.
- C. All King County landmarks designated and protected under authority of Ordinance 4828 and K.C.C. 20.62 shall be eligible for special valuation as set forth in Chapter 221, 1986 Laws of Washington and Chapter 84.26 RCW.

SECTION 13. Ordinance 4828, Sections 6 and 9 and K.C.C. 20.62.060 and .090 are each repealed.

SECTION 14. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is

1	held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application
2	of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not
3	affected.
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6	PASSED this 13th day of July, 1992.
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