

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SANTA BARBARA DESIGNATING THE SANTA BARBARA  
NEWS-PRESS BUILDING AT 715 ANACAPA STREET AS  
A CITY LANDMARK

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara grants the Historic Landmarks Commission the authority to initiate a designation process to recommend to the City Council the designation as a City Landmark of any structure, natural feature, site or area having historic, architectural, archaeological, cultural or aesthetic significance;

WHEREAS, the owners of the property is 715 Anacapa, LLC, PO Box 939, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-0939;

WHEREAS, the legal description as per the deed of the property is attached as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, historic research in the form of a Staff Report concluded that the building designed by the noted architect George Washington Smith in 1922 in the Spanish Colonial Revival style is significant for its historical and architectural influence on the heritage of the City;

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article 19, Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and the City List of Activities Determined to Qualify for a Categorical Exemption (City Council Resolution Dated November 10, 1998), staff has determined that designation of the Santa Barbara News-Press Building as a City Landmark is eligible for a Categorical Exemption;

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2015, the Historic Landmarks Commission adopted Resolution of Intention 2015-2 to hold a public hearing to begin the City Landmark designation process for the Santa Barbara News-Press Building, Assessor's Parcel No. 037-092-036;

WHEREAS, the Historic Landmarks Commission held a public hearing on June 17, 2015, and continued the hearing to July 15, 2015, during which hearings public comments were invited on the proposed City Landmark designation and the Historic Landmarks Commission adopted Resolution No. 2015-2 to recommend to the City Council designation as a City Landmark the Santa Barbara News-Press Building, Assessor's Parcel No. 037-092-036; and

WHEREAS, Section 22.22.050 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Barbara states that the City Council may designate as a Landmark any structure, natural feature, site or area having historic, architectural, archeological, cultural, or aesthetic

significance by adopting a resolution of designation within 90 days following receipt of a recommendation from the Historic Landmarks Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Santa Barbara News-Press Building located at 715 Anacapa Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 037-092-036; is designated as a City Landmark based on the historic and cultural significance of facts presented in the City Landmark Designation Staff Report dated July 15, 2015.

SECTION 2. The proposed boundary of the City Landmark designation is the 1922 building and tower and does not include the building fronting Ortega Street and the landscaping facing Plaza De La Guerra, as it is out of the property line. The east elevation facing Anacapa Street is recognized as having non-historic elements including a functional loading dock area that is necessary to be maintained for newspaper delivery operations. The City acknowledges that future exterior alterations to the East Elevation may be deemed necessary to assure continued uses, maintain or improve accessibility or to comply with code requirements. It is further agreed that such alterations shall not trigger mandatory restoration work but also not radically change, obscure, or destroy character-defining spaces, materials, features, or finishes.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds that the subject property meets the following City Landmark criteria (A through K) listed in section 22.22.040 of the Municipal Code:

- A. Its character, interest or value as a significant part of the heritage of the City, the State or the Nation;
- C. Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City, the State or the Nation;
- D. Its exemplification of a particular architectural style or way of life important to the City, the State, or the Nation;
- E. Its exemplification of the best remaining architectural type in a neighborhood;
- G. Its embodiment of elements demonstrating outstanding attention to architectural design, detail, materials and craftsmanship;
- I. Its unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood;

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall cause this resolution, upon adoption, to be recorded in the Office of the recorder of the County of Santa Barbara pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 22.22.055.