

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA BARBARA TO ADOPT UPDATED DESIGN
GUIDELINES FOR THE UPPER STATE STREET AREA

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Barbara has a long history of encouraging quality architecture fostered by the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) of projects within the defined Upper State Street Area;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara has previously adopted design guidelines for the Upper State Street Area in order to maintain and regulate the compatibility of architectural styles within the area;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara has determined that an update of Upper State Street Area Design Guidelines is necessary given the guidelines were adopted in 1992 and since then the City conducted a comprehensive study of the Upper State Street Area;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara desires to update the Upper State Street Area Design Guidelines to further address design issues in the area;

WHEREAS, the updated Upper State Street Area Design Guidelines carry forward the work of the 2007 Upper State Street Study and Council Resolution No. 07-032;

WHEREAS, the City Council continues to recognize the importance of the approved Upper State Street Study Report Chapters 4 and 5 and City Council Resolution No. 07-032 Exhibit D, "Longer-Term Improvements," in implementing adopted Circulation Element and Pedestrian Master Plan policies;

WHEREAS, the City Council continues to recognize the importance of the approved Upper State Street Study Report Chapters 4 and 5 and City Council Resolution No. 07-032 Exhibit D, "Longer-Term Improvements," continue to provide interim guidance and direction on transportation related topics for City review and permitting of development applications within the Upper State Street Study Area;

WHEREAS, a Subcommittee of the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review was formed and composed of three Planning Commission members and three ABR Architectural Board of Review members to assist staff in updating the Guidelines;

WHEREAS, Draft updated Upper State Street Area Design Guidelines were presented at a Planning Commission (PC) hearing and two ABR meetings in 2009 and were subsequently reviewed and commented by the public and PC and ABR; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article 19, Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; the adoption of the updated Upper State

Street Area Design Guidelines have been determined by Staff to qualify for a Categorical Exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT the updated Upper State Street Area Design Guidelines, attached hereto as an Exhibit, are hereby adopted.

**THE EXHIBIT TO THIS RESOLUTION
IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW
IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
OR AT**

<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Resident/Home/Guidelines/#USSGuidelines>