

CITY OF YAMHILL

RESOLUTION NO. R-828

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YAMHILL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON DESIGNATING THE CITY OF YAMHILL CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AS HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Yamhill Oregon is currently on the National Register of Historic Places including the John Marion Bunn House, a turreted Victorian house in which Beverly Cleary spent the first six years of her life in the City of Yamhill Oregon; The Lee Laughlin House, a Victorian home which was the residence of Lee Laughlin located in the City of Yamhill Oregon; and,

WHEREAS, establishing an Historic District enables the preservation of historic building, playing an important role in the revitalization of Downtown and other neighborhoods within the City of Yamhill Oregon; and,

WHEREAS, a local historic district is a geographically or thematically defined area, possessing a significant concentration of buildings united by their history and/or architecture; and,

WHEREAS, property owners in an historic district are not required to make changes to their properties or restore buildings to their historic appearance; rather, the historic review process applies only when a property owner initiates a construction project that requires a Certificate of Appropriateness; and,

WHEREAS, locally designated historic districts offer the strongest protection and greatest benefit for older neighborhoods, and designation requires the support of a majority of property owners or land area owners as well as a high level of architectural integrity; and,

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee will be tasked with locating historic buildings contributing to the historic character of the City of Yamhill; and,

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee will present their findings to the City Council for discussion of zoning or rezoning for historic preservation; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution No. R-828 seeks to initiate a broader and more holistic conversation regarding the future and planning of the City of Yamhill, Oregon on the National Register Historic District; and,

WHEREAS, a Planning Commission goal is to enhance the City of Yamhill community by developing a visually appealing and culturally rich community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Yamhill is committed to the historic preservation of area culture, and the Economic Development Committee will be charged with providing recommendations for code updates to the Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Yamhill needs improvements to provide an acceptable and accessible repository for historical records and artifacts related to the city and the surrounding area; and,

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee will seek out grants for the improvements which may require matching funds:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAMHILL, OREGON AS FOLLOWS:

A resolution authorizing the City of Yamhill Economic Development Committee to be appointed authority to conduct research on the City of Yamhill Oregon as a designated historic district.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council the 11th day of September 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0

DATED this 11th day of September 2024

By:

Yvette Potter, Mayor

ATTEST:

By:

Angle Fowler, City Recorder