

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE ALICE AND JOHN WILLIAMS HOME LOCATED AT 1525 N. WISHON AVENUE, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the residence located at 1525 N. Wishon Avenue was constructed in 1915 on portions of Lots 2 and 3, Block 10 in the Wilson's North Fresno Tract;

WHEREAS, the Wilson's North Fresno Tract was developed in 1908 by Rosanna C. Wilson and her son A. Polette Wilson;

WHEREAS, the Williams Home was built facing onto N. Wishon and the Fresno Beach street car line which was extended up Wishon Avenue beginning in 1914 and connected residents of these early suburbs with businesses downtown as well as recreational opportunities at the San Joaquin River;

WHEREAS, the 1½ story Arts and Crafts Home is a 100 years old and a fine example of a residence built for the middle class;

WHEREAS, the first identified owners are John (a rancher) and his wife, Alice Williams;

WHEREAS, in later years the home served as "Stonehedge Hall," advertised as "Attractive Approved Housing for Selective Women Students Near Fresno City College Campus;

WHEREAS, the property owners, Pete and Maria Romero, support the designation of the building to Fresno's Local Official Register of Historic Resources;

Date Adopted:

Date Approved:

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: 

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WHEREAS, the City of Fresno Historic Preservation Commission, at a duly noticed public hearing held on September 28, 2015, heard testimony on the subject property;

WHEREAS, based on that testimony, and the presentation of facts relating to the criteria for official designation, as set forth in the Fresno Municipal Code, Chapter 12, Article 16, made the following findings;

That the Alice and John Williams Home meets the criteria set out in Article 16, Chapter 12, Section 12-1607 (a) of the Fresno Municipal Code; and is eligible for listing on Fresno's Local Register of Historic Resources; and be recommended to the Fresno City Council for adoption as a Local Resource; and whereas in accordance with Fresno Municipal Code, Article 16 Section 12-1601 et seq. this hearing has been duly noticed for Council action upon the designation recommended by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2015, Council held a hearing where it considered the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission, and considered substantial evidence, including but not limited to, staff presentation, a report prepared by staff addressing the property's eligibility to the Local Register, a Primary Record ("PR") and a Building, Structure and Object Record ("BSOR") prepared by the City's Historic Preservation Specialist (as defined in FMC § 12-1604(b)) finding that the property met the Historic Resource eligibility requirements for criteria i and iii to subdivision 12-1607(a)(1).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. Council finds that the above recitals are true and correct.

2. Council finds that the Alice and John Williams Home is eligible for listing under criteria i and iii of Fresno Municipal Code, subdivision 12-1607(a)(1) based upon the evidence presented to Council in the staff presentation, staff report, the PR and the BSOR.

3. Council designates the Alice and John Williams Home a Historic Resource to the Local Register of Historic Resources.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2015
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2015
Mayor Veto: _____, 2015
Council Override Vote: _____, 2015

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

BY: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: _____
Talía Kolluri-Barbick Date
Senior Deputy City Attorney