

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION UNDER PLANNING CASE
NUMBER P20-0161 DESIGNATING THE E.T. WALL PACKING HOUSE #2
LOCATED AT 3230 VINE STREET, AS CITY HISTORIC LANDMARK #142.

WHEREAS, in Planning Case No. P20-0161, an application to designate the E.T. Wall Packing House #2, located at 3230 Vine Street, on the east side of Vine Street between Third and First Streets, in the City of Riverside, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 213-060-028, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto incorporated herein by reference, was found to be eligible for listing as a City Landmark; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2020, the Cultural Heritage Board of the City of Riverside conducted a duly noticed public hearing on said application and recommended the approval of the designation of a City of Riverside City Historic Landmark for the E.T. Wall Packing House #2 described above; and

WHEREAS, this process is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines as set forth in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations; and

WHEREAS, all legal prerequisites to the adoption of this application have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside, California that based on substantial evidence presented to the Cultural Heritage Board during the above-referenced public hearing and thereafter to the City Council, including written and oral staff reports, together with public testimony pursuant to the provisions of Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code pertaining to the designation of a Historic Landmark, the City Council hereby finds that the E.T. Wall Packing House #2, located at 3230 Vine Street, on the east side of Vine Street between Third and First Streets, within the City of Riverside, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 213-060-028, as more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, a Historic Landmark eligible for designation under criteria set forth in the Riverside Municipal Code Section 20.50.010(U) and based on the following facts and findings:

FINDINGS: Criterion 1: Exemplifies or reflect special elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural, or natural history.

1 **FACTS:** E.T. Wall Packing House #2 represents a special element in the City's cultural and
2 economic history. From its construction in 1923 through the mid-20th century, the
3 structure was strongly associated with the Riverside citrus industry. This period of
4 time was the industry's heyday, which was instrumental in the cultural and economic
5 development of the City from the late-19th century to the early-20th century.

6 The majority of packing houses built in Riverside during the 1920's were developed
7 through funds provided by individuals or citrus cooperatives. In contrast, The E.T.
8 Walls Packing House #2 was initially owned and constructed with other railroad
9 improvements and industrial buildings by the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, a
10 subsidiary of the Union Pacific Railroad. The E.T. Wall Company utilized the
11 building for processing and shipping of citrus to markets across the country by the
12 Union Pacific Railroad.

13 This building showcases the prominence of the citrus industry in Riverside and the
14 unique role the railroad played in promoting the distribution of Riverside's citrus
15 products across the country.

16 **FINDINGS:** Criterion 3: Embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of
17 construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or
18 craftsmanship.

19 **FACTS:** The E.T. Wall Packing House #2 embodies distinctive characteristics of building
20 type, and method of construction. The building was designed to be state of the art in
21 the 1920s. The design included a wood truss saw-tooth roof, which accommodated
22 more machinery in the workspace and provided natural lighting. Examples of this
23 type of roof were initially featured in the California Citrograph, c. 1919.

24 The building is also characterized by reinforced concrete frame with hollow tile. This
25 method of construction was used to provide fireproofing and insulation for the
26 building. The design of the building also incorporates the Mission Revival Style of
27 architecture that was still popular in the early 1920s.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code,
1 the City Council hereby approves the above-referenced application and designates the E.T. Wall
2 Packing House #2, located at 3230 Vine Street, on the east side of Vine Street between Third and
3 First Streets, within the City of Riverside, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 213-060-028, as
4 City Historic Landmark #142.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the proposed historic landmark designation is exempt
6 from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3)
7 and 15308 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (Title
8 14, California Code of Regulations, commencing with Section 15000 as it can be seen with certainty

1 that there is no possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, and said
2 action is intended to preserve the historic character of the building.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk of the City of Riverside shall cause a
4 certified copy of this resolution to be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of Riverside
5 County, California.

6 ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2020.

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11 William R. Bailey, III
12 Mayor of the City of Riverside

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Colleen J. Nicol
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at its meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Colleen J. Nicol
City Clerk of the City of Riverside