

RESOLUTION No. 127-07

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND APPROVING
THE DESIGNATION OF THE SANTA FE TRAINMASTER'S OFFICE AS A HISTORIC
RESOURCE PURSUANT TO RMC CHAPTER 6.06**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond recognizes the importance of preserving and enhancing the City's historical and cultural background; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Structures Code, Chapter 6.06 of the Richmond Municipal Code, sets forth the criteria and procedures for the designation of a property as a Richmond "Historic Resource" or properties as a "Historic District"; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2007, the City of Richmond Historic Preservation Advisory Committee conducted a duly noticed public hearing, to consider recommending to the City Council designation of the Santa Fe Trainmaster's Office located at 4 West Richmond Avenue and hereafter referred to as the "Trainmaster Office"; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend the designation of the Trainmaster's Office as a "Historic Resource" to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond finds that the Trainmaster's Office meets the criteria for designation because: 1) it is associated with the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad, an industry that helped shape the development and growth of Richmond; and, 2) is a unique type and style of building that maintains all of the architectural features common to railroad structures, yet the overall design and use of the building as a reading room makes it distinct in the broader sense of character defining rail yard type structures of the period; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic Resource Designation complies with the goals and policies of the City of Richmond General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richmond has determined that designation of the Trainmaster's Office is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15308, Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for the Protection of the Environment as the project proposes to preserve the historic features of the building.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby designates the Trainmaster's Office as a "Historic Resource".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subject structure be placed on the Richmond Historic Register as a Historic Resource; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City of Richmond is directed to:

- a. Provide a signed copy of this resolution and written notice of the designation of the subject structure and its placement in the Richmond Register to all of the following: the applicant(s) for designation (if any); the owner(s) of the subject property(ies); the City Building Official; the Director of Planning & Building Services; the Richmond Museum Association; the State Office of Historic Preservation; and, the Contra Costa Historical Society; and
- b. Cause a copy of this resolution to be recorded with the Recorder of Contra Costa County as an amendment to the Richmond Historic Register.

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held December 4, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

[SEAL]

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

LOUISE RENNE, Interim
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 127-07, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on December 4, 2007.