

RESOLUTION NO. 84-08

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING THE CITY OF RICHMOND RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR
ADDITIONS TO HERITAGE HOMES**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Municipal Code Section 15.04.930 establishes the requirements for Design Review to address a wide range of design, siting, and environmental issues related to residential development; and

WHEREAS, in order to supplement and reinforce the Design Review standards and policies, and establish clear and comprehensive design recommendations for residential additions to heritage homes, the Planning and Building Service Department prepared the Residential Design Guidelines for Additions to Heritage Homes (Design Guidelines) as attached in Exhibit A, with the assistance of the consulting firm Opticos Design, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Design Guidelines seek to clarify and reinforce the public policy objectives articulated in the City's Design Review findings and are intended to give clear design direction to applicants and to provide City staff, design review boards, and decision-makers with the tools needed properly to evaluate development proposals within the context of City policies and standards. The Design Guidelines emphasize essential principles of development, particularly site planning; preservation of natural features; compatibility with neighboring development; location of buildings in relationship to pedestrian paths and streets; landscaping; and, general building form, massing, and scale; and

WHEREAS, a duly-noticed public workshop on December 3, 2007 was held to review and take public comments on the proposed Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond City Council held a duly-noticed public hearing on July 22, 2008 to discuss and receive comments on the proposed Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond City Council finds that the proposed Design Guidelines are categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Section 15308, Class 8 of the CEQA Guidelines, which pertains to actions to assure the maintenance, protections, restoration, and enhancement of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond City Council acknowledges that the Planning and Building Services Director may make certain typographical or technical corrections, including improvements to the photographs and graphics, to the Design Guidelines that do not result in a substantive change in the Guidelines from time to time to clarify the document;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Richmond City Council hereby approves the City of Richmond Residential Design Guidelines for Additions to Heritage Homes as presented in Exhibit A.

I CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond, California at a regular meeting held on July 22, 2008, by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Lopez and Viramontes

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(Seal)

APPROVED:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

LOUISE RENNE
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. 84-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on July 22, 2008.