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Date

Notes:

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Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Burgess

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: erin.doherty@seattle.gov

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1	Mayor	07/05/2016	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Mayor's leg transmitted to Council. to the City Clerk						
	Notes:						
1	City Clerk	07/05/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	07/08/2016	sent for review	Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods, and Finance Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods, and Finance Committee						
	Notes:						

- 1 Full Council 07/18/2016 referred Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods, and Finance Committee
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods, and Finance Committee
Notes:
- 1 Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods, and Finance Committee 08/03/2016 pass Pass
Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).
In Favor: 2 Chair Burgess, Member Johnson
Opposed: 0
- 1 Full Council 08/08/2016 passed Pass
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:
Notes:
In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien
Opposed: 0
- 1 City Clerk 08/12/2016 submitted for Mayor's signature Mayor
- 1 Mayor 08/16/2016 Signed
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed.
Notes:
- 1 Mayor 08/17/2016 returned City Clerk
- 1 City Clerk 08/17/2016 attested by City Clerk
Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.
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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE

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COUNCIL BILL

118731

AN ORDINANCE relating to historic preservation; imposing controls upon The Theodora, a landmark designated by the Landmarks Preservation Board under Chapter 25.12 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and adding it to the Table of Historical Landmarks contained in Chapter 25.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 25.12 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), establishes a procedure for the designation and preservation of sites, improvements, and objects having historical, cultural, architectural, engineering, or geographic significance; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Board ("Board"), after a public meeting on August 20, 2014, voted to approve the nomination of the improvement located at 6559 35th Avenue NE and the site on which the improvement is located (which collectively are referred to as "The Theodora" for the purposes of this ordinance) for designation as a landmark under SMC Chapter 25.12; and

WHEREAS, after a public meeting on October 1, 2014, the Board voted to approve the designation of The Theodora under SMC Chapter 25.12; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2015, the Board and the owner of the designated landmark agreed to controls and incentives; and

WHEREAS, the Board recommends that the City Council enact a designating ordinance approving the controls and incentives; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. DESIGNATION: Pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.12.660, the designation by the Landmarks Preservation Board ("Board") of the improvement located at 6559

1 35th Avenue NE and the site on which the improvement is located (which collectively are
2 referred to as “The Theodora” for the purposes of this ordinance) is hereby acknowledged.

3 A. Legal Description. The Theodora is located on the property legally described as:

4 That portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast
5 Quarter of Section 4, Township 25 North, Range 4 East, w.m., in King County, Washington,
6 described as follows:

7 Beginning at the intersection of the South line of East 68th Street and West line of
8 35th Avenue Northeast as shown on the plat of Roosevelt Heights Second Addition, according to
9 the plat recorded in Volume 33 of plats, Page 37, in King County, Washington, thence South
10 along the West line of 35th Avenue Northeast, 234 feet to the North line of Block 5 of said
11 Addition; thence West along the North line of said Block, 273.54 feet to the East line of 34th
12 Avenue Northeast; thence North along said East line 234 feet to the South line of East 68th
13 Street; thence East along said South line to the point of beginning.

14 B. Specific Features or Characteristics Designated. Pursuant to SMC 25.12.660.A.2,
15 the Board designated the following specific features or characteristics of The Theodora:

- 16 1. The site;
- 17 2. The exterior of the building; and
- 18 3. The first floor interior court, library, dining room, lounge, and fireplace.

19 C. Basis of Designation. The designation was made because The Theodora is more
20 than 25 years old, has significant character, interest, or value as a part of the development,
21 heritage, or cultural characteristics of the City, state, or nation, has integrity or the ability to
22 convey its significance, and satisfies the following from SMC 25.12.350:

- 23 1. It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the
24 cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state, or nation (SMC
25 25.12.350.C);
- 26 2. It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style,
27 or period, or of a method of construction (SMC 25.12.350.D); and
- 28 3. It is an outstanding work of a designer or builder (SMC 25.12.350.E).

1 Section 2. CONTROLS: The following controls are hereby imposed on the features or
2 characteristics of The Theodora that were designated by the Board for preservation:

3 A. Certificate of Approval Process.

4 1. Except as provided in subsection 2.A.2 or subsection 2.B of this
5 ordinance, the owner must obtain a Certificate of Approval issued by the Board pursuant to SMC
6 Chapter 25.12, or the time for denying a Certificate of Approval must have expired, before the
7 owner may make alterations or significant changes to the features or characteristics of The
8 Theodora that were designated by the Board for preservation.

9 2. No Certificate of Approval is required for the following:

10 a. Any in-kind maintenance or repairs of the features or
11 characteristics of The Theodora that were designated by the Board for preservation.

12 b. ADA signage.

13 c. A text change to any previously approved sign, provided that there
14 are no design changes to font, letter size, color, material, or any other aspect of the sign's design
15 or installation.

16 d. Removal of the following landscape elements: trees less than 8
17 inches in diameter measured 4 1/2 feet above ground; shrubs; perennials; and annuals.

18 e. Installation, removal, or alteration of temporary site furnishings,
19 including benches, movable planters, and trash receptacles.

20 f. Installation or repair of underground utilities and irrigation,
21 provided that the site is restored in kind.

1 B. City Historic Preservation Officer Approval Process.

2 1. The City Historic Preservation Officer (CHPO) may review and approve
3 alterations or significant changes to the features or characteristics listed in subsection 2.B.3 of
4 this ordinance according to the following procedure:

5 a. The owner shall submit to the CHPO a written request for the
6 alterations or significant changes, including applicable drawings or specifications.

7 b. If the CHPO, upon examination of submitted plans and
8 specifications, determines that the alterations or significant changes are consistent with the
9 purposes of SMC Chapter 25.12, the CHPO shall approve the alterations or significant changes
10 without further action by the Board.

11 2. If the CHPO does not approve the alterations or significant changes, the
12 owner may submit revised materials to the CHPO, or apply to the Board for a Certificate of
13 Approval under SMC Chapter 25.12. The CHPO shall transmit a written decision on the owner's
14 request to the owner within 14 days of receipt of the request. Failure of the CHPO to timely
15 transmit a written decision constitutes approval of the request.

16 3. CHPO approval of alterations or significant changes to the features or
17 characteristics of The Theodora that were designated by the Board for preservation is available
18 for the following:

19 a. For the specified features and characteristics of the building, the
20 addition or elimination of ducts, conduits, HVAC vents, grilles, fire escapes, pipes, and other
21 similar wiring or mechanical elements necessary for the normal operation of the building.

22 b. Installation, removal, or alterations of exterior light fixtures,
23 including exterior security lighting, and security system equipment.

1 c. Signage other than signage excluded in subsections 2.A.2.b or
2 2.A.2.c of this ordinance.

3 d. Removal of hazardous trees more than 8 inches in diameter
4 measured 4 1/2 feet above ground.

5 Section 3. INCENTIVES: The following incentives are hereby granted on the features or
6 characteristics of The Theodora that were designated by the Board for preservation:

7 A. Uses not otherwise permitted in a zone may be authorized in a designated
8 landmark by means of an administrative conditional use permit issued pursuant to SMC Title 23.

9 B. Exceptions to certain of the requirements of the Seattle Building Code, SMC
10 Chapter 22.100, and the Seattle Energy Code, SMC Chapter 22.700, may be authorized pursuant
11 to the applicable provisions thereof.

12 C. Special tax valuation for historic preservation may be available under RCW
13 Chapter 84.26 upon application and compliance with the requirements of that statute.

14 D. Reduction or waiver, under certain conditions, of minimum accessory off-street
15 parking requirements for uses permitted in a designated landmark structure may be permitted
16 pursuant to SMC Title 23.

17 Section 4. Enforcement of this ordinance and penalties for its violation are as provided in
18 SMC 25.12.910.


19 Section 5. The Theodora is hereby added alphabetically to Section II, Buildings, of the
20 Table of Historical Landmarks contained in SMC Chapter 25.32.

21 Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to record a certified copy of this ordinance with the
22 King County Director of Records and Elections, deliver two certified copies to the CHPO, and

- 1 deliver one copy to the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections. The
- 2 CHPO is directed to provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the owner of the landmark.

1 Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 8th day of August, 2016,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 8th day of
6 August, 2016.

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8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this 16th day of August, 2016.

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11 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 17th day of August, 2016.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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