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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to historic preservation; imposing controls upon the Gaslight Inn, 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 19, 2015, voted to approve the nomination of the improvement located at 1727 15th Avenue and the site on which the improvement is located (which collectively are referred to as the “Gaslight Inn” for the purposes of this ordinance) for designation as a landmark under SMC Chapter 25.12; and

WHEREAS, after a public meeting on October 7, 2015, the Board voted to approve the designation of the Gaslight Inn under SMC Chapter 25.12; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 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 1727 15th Avenue and the site on which the improvement is located (which collectively are referred to as the “Gaslight Inn” for the purposes of this ordinance) is hereby acknowledged.

A. Legal Description. The Gaslight Inn is located on the property legally described as:

Plat Lot 8, Block 25, Compton’s 1st Addition, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3 of Plats, page 11 in King County, Washington.

B. Specific Features or Characteristics Designated. Pursuant to SMC 25.12.660.A.2, the Board designated the following specific features or characteristics of the Gaslight Inn:

1. The site;
2. The exterior of the house;
3. The following areas of the first floor interior: entry hall, main stair, living room, dining room, library, and parlor (former ballroom).

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

1. It is associated in a significant way with a significant aspect of the cultural, political, or economic heritage of the community, City, state, or nation (SMC 25.12.350.C); and
2. It embodies the distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, or period, or of a method of construction (SMC 25.12.350.D).

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

A. Certificate of Approval Process.

1. Except as provided in subsection 2.A.2 or subsection 2.B of this ordinance, the owner

must obtain a Certificate of Approval issued by the Board pursuant to SMC Chapter 25.12, or the time for denying a Certificate of Approval must have expired, before the owner may make alterations or significant changes to the features or characteristics of the Gaslight Inn that were designated by the Board for preservation.

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

- a. Any in-kind maintenance or repairs of the features or characteristics of the Gaslight Inn that were designated by the Board for preservation.
- b. Installation, removal or alteration of the following landscape elements: trees less than 8 inches in diameter measured 4 1/2 feet above ground; shrubs; perennials; and annuals.
- c. Installation, removal, or alteration of the following temporary site furnishings: benches, movable planter boxes, and movable water features.
- d. Installation or repair of underground utilities and irrigation, provided that the site is restored in kind.
- e. Installation, removal, or alteration of non-illuminated exterior signage less than 6 square feet in area.
- f. Painting of interior surfaces currently painted, and carpeting of surfaces currently carpeted, as depicted in the nomination application.
- g. Installation, removal, or alteration of temporary interior window coverings.
- h. Installation of a gas fireplace on the north wall of the parlor (former ballroom) to mirror the existing fireplace on the south wall of the living room if: the form, materials, and details of the gas fireplace, mantle, and hearth are similar to the details of the existing fireplace, mantle, and hearth (a difference in tile color is acceptable); and the exterior alterations are limited to a through-wall vent.

B. City Historic Preservation Officer Approval Process.

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

following procedure:

- a. The owner shall submit to the CHPO a written request for the alterations or significant changes, including applicable drawings or specifications.
 - b. If the CHPO, upon examination of submitted plans and specifications, determines that the alterations or significant changes are consistent with the purposes of SMC Chapter 25.12, the CHPO shall approve the alterations or significant changes without further action by the Board.
2. If the CHPO does not approve the alterations or significant changes, the owner may submit revised materials to the CHPO, or apply to the Board for a Certificate of Approval under SMC Chapter 25.12. The CHPO shall transmit a written decision on the owner's request to the owner within 14 days of receipt of the request. Failure of the CHPO to timely transmit a written decision constitutes approval of the request.
3. CHPO approval of alterations or significant changes to the features or characteristics of the Gaslight Inn that were designated by the Board for preservation is available for the following:
- a. For the specified features and characteristics of the building, the addition or elimination of ducts, conduits, HVAC vents, grilles, pipes, and other similar wiring or mechanical elements necessary for the normal operation of the building.
 - b. Removal of hazardous trees more than 8 inches in diameter measured 4 1/2 feet above the ground.
 - c. Installation, removal, or alterations of site lighting, exterior building light fixtures, and security equipment.
 - d. Alterations of landscape features and site improvements, with the exception of the addition of new trees.
 - e. Alterations to the rear of the exterior of the house.
 - f. Exterior signage, unless otherwise excluded under subsection 2.A.2.e of this

ordinance.

- g. Installation of new interior lighting to supplement existing historic fixtures.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 5. The Gaslight Inn is hereby added alphabetically to Section I, Residences, of the Table of Historical Landmarks contained in SMC Chapter 25.32.

Section 6. The City Clerk is directed to record a certified copy of this ordinance with the King County Director of Records and Elections, deliver two certified copies to the CHPO, and deliver one copy to the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections. The CHPO is directed to provide a certified copy of this ordinance to the owner of the landmark.

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

Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2016, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2016.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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