

ORDINANCE NO. 2668

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADDING CHAPTER 17-22 TO THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE RELATING TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC AND OTHER CULTURALLY IMPORTANT PLACES AND AREAS WITHIN THE CITY.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 17-22 is hereby added to the Santa Rosa City Code to read as follows:

Chapter 17-22

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

17-22.010 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the community by providing a mechanism for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of buildings, structures, signs, objects, features, sites, places, areas, districts, neighborhoods, streets, works of art, natural features and significant permanent landscaping having special historical, archaeological, cultural, or architectural value in the City of Santa Rosa for the following reasons:

(a) To safeguard the City's heritage as embodied and reflected in such resources;

(b) To encourage public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the City's past;

(c) To foster civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based on the recognition and use of cultural resources;

(d) To promote the use and enjoyment of cultural resources beneficial to the education and welfare of the people of the City:

(e) To preserve diverse and harmonious architectural styles and design preferences reflecting phases of the City's history and to encourage complementary contemporary design and construction;

(f) To protect or enhance property values and to strengthen the economy of the City and the financial stability and welfare of its inhabitants;

(g) To protect and enhance the City's attraction to tourists and visitors, thereby stimulating business and industry;

(h) To identify as early as possible and resolve possible conflicts between the preservation of cultural resources and alternative land uses;