

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-05-0005

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3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH  
5 MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 16.52.2170  
6 RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF THE DELKER HOUSE  
7 LOCATED AT 153 E. TWELFTH STREET AS A HISTORIC  
8 LANDMARK; AND ADOPTING IN SECTIONS 2 AND 3  
9 HEREOF UNCODIFIED FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS  
10 RELATING TO SAID LANDMARK  
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12 The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 16.52.2170 is added to the Long Beach Municipal  
14 Code to read as follows:

15 16.52.2170 Delker House

16 A. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2.63 and with the  
17 recommendation of the Planning Commission, the City Council designates  
18 the following building as a historic landmark in the City: Delker House,  
19 located at 153 E. Twelfth Street.

20 B. The complete location, description and reasons for historic  
21 landmark designation are more fully contained in uncodified Section 2 of  
22 Ordinance No. ORD-05-0005.  
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24 Sec. 2. (Uncodified) Designation as a Historic Landmark

25 Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.63.010, et seq., of the Long Beach  
26 Municipal Code and with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the City  
27 Council of the City of Long Beach hereby designates the Delker House as a historic  
28 landmark.

1                   A. Location, description and reasons for designation.

2                   The Delker House is located at 153 E. Twelfth (12th) Street, in the City of  
3 Long Beach, California, Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)  
4 7273-003-001. The Delker House is a three-story Craftsman mansion of more than  
5 5,000 square feet representing the largest home of this architectural style in the original  
6 city of Long Beach. It is an outstanding example of Craftsman architecture with typical  
7 broad proportions, the prominent gables, the extended and notched rafter ends, a wide  
8 open porch extending into a pergola, with wide window and door frames, and  
9 multipaned transoms and front door. It is one of the most elaborate and intact  
10 Craftsman houses in the area, and it's exterior is unaltered.

11                   B. Rational for Historic Landmark Designation

12                   The City Council finds that relative to the designation of the Delker House  
13 as a historic landmark, the following criteria is manifested as set forth in Long Beach  
14 Municipal Code Section 2.63.050:

15                   A. It possesses a significant character, interest or value attributable to the  
16 development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the city, the southern California  
17 region, the state or the nation.

18                   This house is one of the most monumental single-family Craftsman homes  
19 constructed in the residential area surrounding the central business district. It was built  
20 during the period of Long Beach's largest population growth, the first decade of this  
21 century, as part of the original residential development that later became the City of  
22 Long Beach. It was built just outside the boundaries of Willmore City, but was part of  
23 the first phase of residential settlement in Long Beach. It is prominently sited at the  
24 intersection of Locust Avenue and 12th Street. It shows the pattern of residential  
25 development which existed in Long Beach during its early years, and the wealth of  
26 some of its pioneer residents.

27                   D. It portrays the environment in an era of history characterized by a distinctive  
28 architectural style.

1 This house is a fine example of Craftsman architecture. Typical features are the  
2 broad proportions, the prominent gables, the extended and notched rafter ends, a wide  
3 open porch extending into a pergola, the articulated structural elements, the extensive  
4 use of wood, the wide window and door frames, and the multipaned transoms and front  
5 door. The house is intact and unaltered in the exterior.

6 H. It is part of or related to a distinctive area and should be developed or  
7 preserved according to a specific historical, cultural or architectural motif.

8 This house is one of the last survivors in its neighborhood of large scale, grand  
9 homes developed on the urban fringe of the Long Beach central business district. It is  
10 one of the most elaborate and intact Craftsman houses in the area, and it is unaltered.  
11 It recalls the early appearance of the neighborhood, which today contains many altered  
12 older homes, later buildings and apartments. It is related to the adjacent Willmore City  
13 Historic District.

14 I. It represents an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood or  
15 community due to its unique location or specific distinguishing characteristics.

16 The scale of the building and its prominent siting at the intersection of Locust  
17 Avenue and 12th Street makes it a prominent and familiar visual feature of its  
18 neighborhood.

19 C. General Guidelines and Standards for Any Changes. The "Standards  
20 for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings" prepared by the  
21 United States Secretary of the Interior (Revised, 1991), as amended, as well as the  
22 "Procedures for Administering the Certificate of Appropriateness" found in Section  
23 2.63.070 of the Long Beach Municipal Code are incorporated herein by this reference.  
24 The guidelines are to be used as standards for the Cultural Heritage Commission in  
25 making decisions about Certificates of Appropriateness as required by Chapter 2.63 of  
26 the Long Beach Municipal Code. The guidelines are an aid to property owners and  
27 others formulating plans for new construction, for rehabilitation or alteration of an  
28 existing structure, and for site development. The goal of the Certificate of

1 Appropriateness review is to retain and preserve all original architectural materials and  
2 design features; to encourage rehabilitation which restores original historic fabric rather  
3 than remodels; and to ensure architectural compatibility between new and old.

4 D. Standards and Guidelines.

5 1. Changes requiring a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Cultural  
6 Heritage Commission are as follows:

- 7 (a) Alterations or additions to roof; change in roof materials.
- 8 (b) Additions.
- 9 (c) Alterations to structure including foundation.
- 10 (d) Alterations to windows.
- 11 (e) Changes to doors and doorways.
- 12 (f) Changes to exterior architectural materials or colors.
- 13 (g) Changes to exterior walkways or driveways.
- 14 (h) Fences.

15 2. The following guidelines shall be standards to guide property owners,  
16 architects, contractors and the Cultural Heritage Commission in reviewing proposed  
17 changes:

- 18 (a) Additions shall be compatible in materials and design, and shall  
19 be subordinate in scale, to the existing building.
- 20 (b) Important architectural features which define the character of  
21 the historic style shall not be removed or obscured. These include  
22 roofline, exterior cladding, historic windows, portico, original doors, stencil  
23 decorative painting, and other original structural and decorative features.
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25 Sec. 3. (Uncodified) The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be  
26 recorded in accordance with the provisions of Section 5029 of the California Public  
27 Resources Code and Section 27288.2 of the California Government Code.

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Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of April 12, 2005, by the following vote:

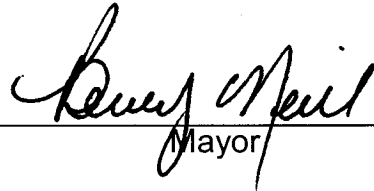
Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Baker, Colonna, O'Donnell,  
Kell, Richardson, Reyes Uranga, Gabelich,  
Lerch.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: None.

  
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City Clerk

Approved: 4-14-05  
(Date)

  
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Mayor