

**RESOLUTION NO: 96-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES  
CONDITIONALLY AUTHORIZING THE PROCESSING  
OF A DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR A HISTORIC STRUCTURE  
(PASO ROBLES INN BALLROOM / DINING HALL)**

**WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles has a Municipal Code Provision that regulates the Demolition of Buildings and Structures, specifically Chapter 17.16 of the Municipal Code; and**

**WHEREAS, Sections 17.16.050 et seq. specifically address the steps to allow for the demolition of a historic building or structure; and**

**WHEREAS, the former ballroom / dining hall of the Paso Robles Inn, located at 1103 Spring Street in Paso Robles, was constructed during the 1890s, is a historically significant building, is an unreinforced masonry structure, and has been determined by the State of California to be unsafe for human occupancy; and**

**WHEREAS, the owner of the Paso Robles Inn has authorized "Paso Robles Inn, LLC" to file an application for a demolition permit for the former ballroom / dining hall; and**

**WHEREAS, notwithstanding its current condition, the City Planner has determined that the subject structure has historic significance and has scheduled the request for a demolition permit for the City Council's consideration on March 19, 1996; and**

**WHEREAS, representatives of the property owner and potential investors in the Paso Robles Inn have recognized the historic significance of the former ballroom / dining hall structure, and they have met with Board Members of the Paso Robles Area Historical Society to brief the Society on potential plans for acquisition and refurbishment of the Paso Robles Inn; and**

**WHEREAS, in discussions with the Historical Society the potential purchasers of the Paso Robles Inn have expressed interest in working with the Society to pursue economically feasible means to retain the historic ballroom / dining hall or, failing an economic solution, to the extent that it is reasonably financially feasible, to utilize the bricks and architectural components from the historic building as part of new construction on the subject property; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to this discussion, the Paso Robles Inn Limited Liability Corporation (in formation), represented by Morgan Burkett, has agreed to the following conditions to be fulfilled prior to the City issuing a Demolition Permit for the former ballroom / dining hall:**

- 1. The Owner is aware of the desire and policy of the City of Paso Robles to preserve certain historical sites and buildings within the City; and**

2. The Owner will endeavor to mitigate and minimize the demolition necessary in the renovation project of the ballroom and dining hall at the Paso Robles Inn; and
3. The Applicant will meet with interested community groups, including the Paso Robles Area Historical Society, to discuss the project and possible mitigation alternatives concerning the proposed demolition; and
4. The Owner will explore renovation construction and methods relative to the possible preservation of the ballroom and dining hall, which are reasonably economically viable and feasible, and which do not increase the renovation costs of the project; and
5. In those circumstances where preservation or reconstruction, or use of existing material, will not add to renovation costs or time, the Owner will agree to follow that alternative.

WHEREAS, a noticed public hearing was conducted by the by the City Council on March 19, 1996, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.16.050 of the Paso Robles Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the City Council's analysis of the applicant's request, that the City Council of the City of El Paso De Robles does hereby grant a conditional approval for the processing of a Demolition Permit for the former ballroom / dining hall of the Paso Robles Inn, subject to the following:

1. Pursuant to Section 17.16.050 (C.)(1 & 2), the Council finds that the structure is of significant historical character .
2. The City Council conceptually approves the concept of a Demolition Permit for the above-referenced ballroom, subject to future findings of the City Council, pursuant to Section 17.16.050 (C) of the Paso Robles Municipal Code.
3. That the Building Official shall not issue a Demolition Permit for the subject structure until all required approvals, City Council findings, clearances, and authorizations, including but not limited to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, which are in effect at the time that the property owner seeks to process a demolition permit, have been provided for.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th day of March, 1996 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Heggarty, Iversen, Martin, Picanco, Macklin  
 NOES: None  
 ABSTAIN: None  
 ABSENT: None

*Walter J. Macklin*  
MAYOR WALTER J. MACKLIN

ATTEST:

*RJR*

RICHARD J. RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER / CITY CLERK

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