



Legislation Text

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Resolution Establishing the South Fourth and Fifth Avenues Historic District Study Committee
Whereas, The City is interested in protecting and preserving historic properties in the City;

Whereas, The South Fourth and Fifth Avenues study area includes properties that are architecturally, historically, and culturally significant to the City, including the most intact 19th century streetscape in the City, with at least three structures dating back to Ann Arbor's early settlement period of the 1830s, and an important range of nineteenth and early twentieth century house styles and forms, including Greek revival, early and late Queen Anne, Italianate, Italian Renaissance, and the I-house and vernacular forms;

Whereas, There is public interest in the future development of this area;

Whereas, According to Michigan law and Chapter 103, Section 8:408 of Ann Arbor City Code, the City must receive a final report from a historic district study committee with its recommendations before considering the establishment of a historic district;

Whereas, This proposed historic district is threatened by immediate development pressure and demolition or modifications not in keeping with the intent of the proposed district; and

Whereas, City Council has determined that pending work will cause irreparable harm to resources in the proposed South Fourth and Fifth Avenues Historic District;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council hereby establish the South Fourth and Fifth Avenues Historic District Study Committee;

RESOLVED, That the study area to be examined by this committee be the area encompassing properties that abut the east and west sides of South Fourth Avenue and South Fifth Avenue, bounded by the East William Historic District on the north, and Packard Street on the south, and also including 209, 215, and 219 Packard Street;

RESOLVED, That this study committee consist of seven members, consistent with Chapter 103, Section 8:408 of Ann Arbor City Code, to be appointed by the City Council;

RESOLVED, That the charge of the study committee be those duties set forth in Chapter 103, Sections 8:408 and 8:410 of Ann Arbor City Code;

RESOLVED, That the term of this study committee be twelve months, and the study committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the City Council no later than September 2010; and

RESOLVED, That the City Council declares an emergency moratorium on all construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation or demolition in the proposed South Fourth and Fifth Avenue

Historic District, consistent with Chapter 103 Section 8:411 of Ann Arbor City Code for six months from August 6, 2009.

As amended by Ann Arbor City Council on August 17, 2009