



Resolution

Whereas the Mayor and Council of the City of Commerce hereby declare it to be the purpose and intent of the City to establish a uniform procedure for use in providing for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of places, districts, sites, buildings, structures, and works of art having a special historical, cultural, or aesthetic interest or value to the City of Commerce; and

Whereas the City of Commerce is in the process of establishing regulations and procedures to accomplish such purposes, including, but not limited to, the establishment of a Historic Preservation Commission, and

Whereas the City is also in the process of reviewing and revising regulations and procedures for the demolition or relocation of structures within a historic district or historic landmarks in the City; and

Whereas the process of developing regulations and procedures and identifying historic districts and landmarks in the City may take as much as 180 days; and

Whereas it is in the best interest of the public to maintain the current status quo and condition of certain potentially historic buildings and structures to prevent loss of same before a new Historic Preservation Ordinance is fully adopted by the Council;

Now and therefore, the City of Commerce City Council hereby declares a moratorium of the acceptance of applications for the demolition of buildings and structures which were built before December 1, 1951 within the City of Commerce. Any person or entity applying for a demolition permit shall present proof of the age of the structure(s) to be demolished. A permit may be granted if the Building Director determines that the structure(s) were built after **December 31, 1951**. The Council may grant an exception to this moratorium in the case of an emergency which requires demolition in order to protect against imminent danger to persons or property. This moratorium shall terminate at midnight on 10-20-2026 2026, unless sooner terminated by the City Council.

This 16 day of March 2026.

Sandra Haggard, City Clerk

Clark Hill, Mayor City of Commerce