

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. O-24-3 ENACTMENT NO. O-2024.007

SPONSORED BY: Joaquín Baca and Klarissa J. Peña, by request

1 **ORDINANCE**

2 **DESIGNATION OF THE CENTRAL AVENUE BRIDGE CROSSING SITE AS A**
3 **CITY LANDMARK.**

4 **WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 3-22-3 NMSA 1978 of the Historic District**
5 **and Landmark Act the City Council, the governing body of the City of**
6 **Albuquerque, has the authority to adopt zoning districts designating certain**
7 **areas as historical areas and to adopt and enforce regulations and restrictions**
8 **within such districts relating to the erection, alterations and destruction of**
9 **those exterior features of buildings and other structures subject to public view**
10 **from any public street, way or other public place; and**

11 **WHEREAS, the authority conferred by the Historic District and Landmark**
12 **Act is consistent with the authority of the City Council to amend the zone map**
13 **for the physical development of the areas within the planning and platting**
14 **jurisdiction of the City as authorized by Section 3-19-5 NMSA 1978, and by the**
15 **City of Albuquerque's home rule powers; and**

16 **WHEREAS, the protection, reuse, and enhancement of significant**
17 **buildings, districts, and sites is a goal of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County**
18 **Comprehensive Plan; and**

19 **WHEREAS, the property owner, consents to the designation of the property**
20 **as a City of Albuquerque Landmark; and**

21 **WHEREAS, the Central Avenue Bridge over the flood-prone Rio Grade was**
22 **essential for transcontinental highway traffic to travel through New Mexico**
23 **with every vehicle that went through Albuquerque on Route 66 from 1937 to**
24 **1983 traveling over two versions of the Central Avenue Bridge; and**

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1 **WHEREAS, the Landmarks Commission, in its advisory role on historic**
2 **preservation matters has recommended City Council approval of the landmark**
3 **designation; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) Subsection 14-16-**
5 **6-7(C) provides for designation of landmark sites and structures; and**

6 **WHEREAS, the Landmarks Commission, on April 12, 2023, recommended**
7 **that the City Council approve a designation of City Landmark Site on Central**
8 **Avenue between Tingley Drive and Sunset Road; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the construction and implementation of the bridge in 1930 was**
10 **the final event that helped federal officials accept the Santa Rosa-Laguna**
11 **shortcut in New Mexico and realign Route 66 east-west through Albuquerque;**
12 **and**

13 **WHEREAS, the construction of the Central Avenue Bridge in 1930 was the**
14 **final state funded structure that motivated federal officials to reroute Route 66**
15 **and save 107 miles of travel.**

16 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
17 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

18 **SECTION 1: That the Central Avenue Bridge Site be designated a City**
19 **Landmark, as shown in Exhibit A.**

20 **SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,**
21 **clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or**
22 **unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not**
23 **affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council**
24 **hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section,**
25 **paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any**
26 **provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.**

27 **SECTION 3: OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. The City Planning Department shall**
28 **update the official Zoning Map to reflect the adopted City Landmark**
29 **designation for the Central Avenue Bridge Crossing Site over the Rio Grande**
30 **River.**

31 **SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five days**
32 **after publication by title and general summary.**

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF April, 2024
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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10 Dan Lewis, President
11 City Council

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15 APPROVED THIS 12 DAY OF April, 2024

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19 **Bill No. O-24-3**

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23 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
24 City of Albuquerque

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31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk

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