


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. _____ C.M.S.

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 664 HADDON ROAD, THE HENRY J. KAISER RESIDENCE, A LANDMARK PURSUANT TO SECTION 17.136.070 OF THE OAKLAND PLANNING CODE

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board, at its duly noticed meeting of June 22, 2020, recommended designation of the Henry J. Kaiser Residence at 664 Haddon Road, as Landmarks pursuant to Section 17.136.070 of the Oakland Planning Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on May 3, 2023, and at the close of the hearing voted unanimously to recommend Landmark Designation for the property; and

WHEREAS, City Landmark Eligibility requires a present rating of ‘A’ or ‘B’ under the Guidelines for Determination of Landmark Eligibility, and the Henry J. Kaiser residence, built in 1924, is a high ‘B’ rating, a high-style representation of the Italian Renaissance Revival style in Oakland and retains a relatively high degree of integrity and maintains its character as a contributor to the Haddon Hill Area of Primary Importance (API); and

WHEREAS, the residence was designed by master architect William E. Schirmer. The period of significance is 1924-32, which corresponds to the construction date through all additions designed by Schirmer; and

WHEREAS, the residence is closely associated with the productive life of Henry J. Kaiser, a prominent American industrialist. The period of significance is 1924-46, which corresponds to the years of Kaiser’s residence. It was the site of an important conference hosted by Kaiser during which a plan was developed that would open the Kaiser employee health care plan to community enrollment. The period of significance is 1943, which corresponds to the year the conference was held; and

WHEREAS, the residence is associated with Clausen House, a system of care for developmentally disabled adults. The period of significance is 1967-77, which corresponds to the years of Clausen House operation at 664 Haddon Road; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Community and Economic Development Committee, considered this matter at its October 10, 2023 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, at a duly noticed public hearing on October 17, 2023, determined that the proposed Landmark have historical and architectural significance as described and presented in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution, Resolution 2020-1, Henry J. Kaiser Residence;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Henry J. Kaiser Residence at 664 Haddon Road is hereby designated as a Landmark pursuant to Section 17.136.070 of the Oakland Planning Code as described and presented in Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution 2020-1, Henry J. Kaiser Residence, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Said Landmark shall be preserved in all its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof, and as described and depicted in the photographs, staff reports, Case File LM19012, and other material on file within the Bureau of Planning; provided, however, it may be modified to replicate or more closely resemble its original appearance with appropriate application and approvals pursuant to Section 17.136.070 of the Oakland Planning Code.

SECTION 3. The Planning and Building Director is hereby directed to execute and cause to be recorded in the Recorder's Office of the County of Alameda a notice of designation of said Landmark.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance complies with CEQA, under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation), and 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning), and the Planning and Building Director is directed to cause to be filed a Notice of Exemption with appropriate agencies.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Chapter. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that one or more other sections, subsections, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately on final adoption if it receives six or more affirmative votes; otherwise it shall become effective upon the seventh day after final adoption.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

Date of Attestation: _____

NOTICE AND DIGEST

Ordinance Designating 664 Haddon Road, the Henry J. Kaiser Residence, a Landmark Pursuant to Section 17.136.070 of the Oakland Planning Code.

This Ordinance would designate 664 Haddon Road, also known as the Henry J. Kaiser Residence, an Oakland Local Landmark building for the reasons described in the Ordinance and in the Landmark Preservation Advisory Board Resolution No. 2020-1. Pursuant to Oakland Planning Code Section 17.136.070, exterior changes to the Landmark building would be subject to additional design review criteria, and the owners and/or lessees of the Landmark building would have a duty to keep the building in good repair.