

ORDINANCE

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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE ENACTING A MORATORIUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS UPON THE GRANTING OF PERMITS AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES WITHIN PROPERTY BOUNDED GENERALLY BY OR LOCATED ON EAST GLENWOOD AVENUE FROM I-40 TO SPRUCE STREET; WASHINGTON AVENUE FROM THE STANDARD KNITTING MILL COMPLEX TO N. CHESTNUT STREET; JEFFERSON, WOODBINE, AND E. FIFTH AVENUE; AND FROM THE STANDARD KNITTING MILL COMPLEX TO N. CHERRY STREET.

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REQUESTED BY: Councilmember Della Volpe

PREPARED BY: Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND

CORRECTNESS: _____

Director of Law

APPROVED ON 1ST

READING: _____

APPROVED ON 2ND

READING: _____

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MEASURE: _____

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WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville has recognized that community stability and historic neighborhoods are important to the quality of life of Knoxville residents and the City; and

WHEREAS, there are diverse opinions within the community regarding the need of a historic overlay; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Knoxville also has recognized additional time may be needed to further discuss the proposed historic overlay generally described as property bounded generally by or located on East Glenwood Avenue from I-40 to Spruce Street; Washington Avenue from the Standard Knitting Mill Complex to N.

Chestnut Street; Jefferson, Woodbine, and E. Fifth Avenue; and from the Standard Knitting Mill Complex to N. Cherry Street; and

WHEREAS, while the discussion of the proposed overlay continues, demolition of structures within the proposed overlay area would harm the neighborhood and the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that demolition of historic structures while discussions of the proposed overlay are ongoing would harm the historic nature of the area and impact the beauty of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Council perceives these enumerated issues to be of substantial interest to the City of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Council is of the opinion that the citizens and residents would be best served by enactment of a one hundred twenty (120) day moratorium upon the granting of new permits authorizing demolition of structures within the aforementioned area except in circumstances where the Chief Building Official determines that demolition of a structure is required to preserve the health and safety of those in the immediate area; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium of one hundred twenty days (120) will allow an opportunity for an evaluation of the current proposed overlay, further study and evaluation of the issues, public hearing and an opportunity to determine how the community and Council can best address the situation; and

WHEREAS, in the event the purposes stated herein may be accomplished within a period of less than one hundred twenty (120) days the Council may, by ordinance, reduce the effective duration of the moratorium; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety that this Ordinance take effect immediately upon its passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE:

SECTION 1: There is hereby enacted a one hundred twenty (120) day moratorium upon the granting of permits authorizing the demolition of structures within property bounded generally by or located on East Glenwood Avenue from I-40 to Spruce Street; Washington Avenue from the Standard Knitting Mill Complex to N. Chestnut Street; Jefferson, Woodbine, and E. Fifth Avenue; and from the Standard Knitting Mill Complex to N. Cherry Street, except when the Chief Building Official determines that demolition of a structure is required to preserve the health and safety of those in the immediate area.

SECTION 2: Council respectfully requests the City administration or Metropolitan Planning Commission to evaluate the current proposed overlay compared with overlays adopted by other municipalities, and to recommend how Council could address and modify the proposed overlay and impact upon the people and history of the area.

SECTION 3: An emergency is declared to exist in that it is necessary for immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety that this Ordinance take effect immediately upon its passage.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of the City requiring it.

Presiding Officer of the Council

City Recorder