INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTION TO PRELIMINARY APPROVE THE NOMINATION OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE (2 EAST MAIN STREET) AS A LOCALLY DESIGNATED LANDMARK

SPONSOR: MAYOR EMILY McFARLAND FROM: HISTORIC PRESERVATION & DOWNTOWN DESIGN COMMISION

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown's Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission has reviewed the Masonic Temple building, located at 2 East Main Street; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown's Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission has determined that the historic Masonic Temple building meets the following nomination criteria as defined in Chapter 325, the Historic Preservation Code, of the City of Watertown Municipal Code as a historic site eligible for designation as a Locally Designated Landmark:

- 1. It has character or interest as part of the heritage of the City
- 2. It embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type of specimen.
- 3. It has a relationship to other distinctive buildings, structures, improvements or areas which are eligible for preservation according to an historic design or motif:

and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section § 325-6C, upon preliminary approval of a nomination by the Common Council, the City Clerk shall schedule a public hearing on the nomination before the Common Council, published notice of which shall be given at least two weeks in advance of the hearing. In addition, the Commission shall provide the City Clerk with a list of names and addresses of all owners of real property located, in whole or in part, in the nominated historic site or historic district and, in the case of a nominated historic district, all owners of real property located, in whole or in part, within 200 feet of the nominated historic district. A letter shall be mailed to each individual or party listed, informing them of the nomination and date of the public hearing. A copy of the nominating resolution, including all appendages and attachments, shall be maintained in the office of the City Clerk for inspection by the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:

That the Masonic Temple at 2 East Main Street be considered preliminary approved as a Locally Designated Landmark that meets all nomination criteria per the attached documents.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:

That the City Clerk shall set a public hearing and meet the requirements prescribed in Section § 325-6(c) of the City of Watertown Municipal Code.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

	YES	NO	
DAVIS			ADOPTEDMarch 19, 2024
LAMPE			
BOARD			
BARTZ			CITY CLERK
BLANKE			
SMITH			APPROVEDMarch 19, 2024
SCHMID			
WETZEL			
MOLDENHAUER			MAYOR
MAYOR MCFARLAND			
TOTAL			