

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-1356**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE KING COUNTY LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE THE CITY MUSEUM AS A LANDMARK**

**WHEREAS**, the City owns the Black Diamond Museum and the property on which it sits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City leases the Museum and property to the Black Diamond Historical Society pursuant to a 10-year lease, under which the Historical Society pays for all repairs and maintenance to the Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Black Diamond Historical Society have approached the Mayor and City Council to request the City's permission to seek a landmark designation from the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission so that the Museum will be eligible for additional grant monies to help defray the costs of repairs, maintenance, and improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to BDMC 15.38.010, the purposes of landmark designation and preservation are:

- to preserve, protect, enhance and perpetuate those sites, buildings, districts, structures and objects which reflect significant elements of the city's cultural, ethnic, social, economic, political, architectural, aesthetic, archeological, engineering, historic, and other heritage;
- to foster civic pride in the beauty and accomplishments of the past; to stabilize and improve the economic values and vitality of landmarks;
- to protect and enhance the city's tourist industry by promoting heritage related tourism; and
- to promote, assist, encourage, and provide incentives to public and private owners for the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and use of landmark buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to BDMC 15.38.020, the City has entered into an interlocal agreement with King County to provide the mechanisms and processes for obtaining landmark designations for properties located within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to BDMC 15.38.040 – .080, the City has adopted the designation criteria, procedures, and definitions used by the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission for use in considering landmark applications, as further set forth in King County Code Chapter 20.62; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to BDMC 15.38.090, no nomination for landmark application may proceed until the City Council has approved the historic resource for nomination; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to seek a landmark designation for the Museum, and the Historical Society has expressed its willingness to file the landmark application and to manage the collection and submittal of necessary information to the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that authorizing the filing of an application with the Commission is a routine matter of stewardship of City property and is necessary at this time to increase the Museum's eligibility for additional grants to help fund urgently needed repairs and maintenance for this important City asset;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby approves the Historical Society's request to seek landmark designation for the Black Diamond Museum from the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission.

**Section 2.** The City Council authorizes the Historical Society to proceed with submitting the application to nominate the Museum for landmark designation, and to supply the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission with all information and materials necessary to support the nomination. The Mayor is requested to lend the Historical Society such assistance as may reasonably be necessary for their work to research and provide information requested by King County to support the nomination and designation.

**Section 3.** In the event a hearing is scheduled by the Commission to consider the Museum for landmark designation, the Mayor is requested to coordinate with the Historical Society to provide support as needed to prepare for the hearing.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY, 2020.**

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:



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Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk