

RESOLUTION 12-19

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMS ADOPTING THE WILLIAMS DESIGN REVIEW MANUAL AS A COMPANION DOCUMENT TO THE DESIGN REVIEW ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Williams approved a comprehensive update to the General Plan on June 20, 2012, which references the need to develop a Design Review Manual to enhance the appearance of new development throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Williams adopted a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update, Ordinance 194-12, on July 25 2012 becoming effective August 29, 2012 with Section 17.05.270.1 establishing appropriate standards and guidelines herein referred to as the Design Review Manual, for the use of persons planning developments and signage after the effective date that are subject to design review approval and paint colors; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted an extensive public outreach process for the Design Review Manual to gain an understanding of the needs, desires, and concerns of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed a 7 members of the community to serve on a Design Review Ad-Hoc Committee which, over the course of 3 meetings, provided guidance and recommendations on key issues relating to the Design Review Manual; and

WHEREAS, the City facilitated a visioning meeting on August 24, 2011, that involved a survey of citizens as to their preferences regarding appropriate appearance of development and signage to develop foundation principles and design themes in the development of the Design Review Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Manual identifies and promotes certain development patterns, including compact urban development, historic preservation, infill development and revitalization, mixed-use development, complete neighborhoods, and a variety of commercial, industrial, office, big box, and housing designs to fit within the context of established neighborhood characteristics throughout Williams; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Design Review Manual is exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines regarding actions taken by a regulatory agency to assure maintenance and enhancement of the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Ad-Hoc Committee, on April 30, 2012, unanimously recommended approval of the Design Review Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at their regular meeting held on August 27, 2012 reviewed the Design Review Manual and recommended approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, at their regular meeting held on September 19, 2012, considered the recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Committee and of the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The City Council finds that:
 - a. The Design Review Manual is consistent with the City of Williams General Plan and in compliance with the City of Williams Zoning Ordinance.
 - b. The Design Review Manual has been established in accordance with Section 17.05.270.1 of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - c. Adoption of the Design Review Manual is exempt from environmental review in accordance with Section 15308 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines
2. The City Council hereby adopts the City of Williams Design Review Manual which is hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

On motion by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and carried by the following roll call vote, the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Williams this 19th day of September, 2012.

John J. Troughton, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Charles Bergson, Interim City Clerk

Ann M. Siprelle, City Attorney