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**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER
RESOLUTION 18-2008**

**A Resolution asking the Prince George's County District Council to designate the
Mount Rainier Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone.**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Mount Rainier are concerned about maintaining the character of their neighborhood and affordability of homes while resisting the "mansionization" trend that has afflicted other communities;

WHEREAS, the significance of the architecture of the City of Mount Rainier was recognized when it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Mount Rainier wishes to preserve the character of our city's architecture but not create a local historic district which would be overly burdensome and restrictive for the city's residents;

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Rainier wishes to accomplish the following goals which are enumerated in Prince George's County Code (Subtitle 27, Sec. 27-548.28) as the purposes of an architectural conservation overlay zone:

- (1) Preserve and protect the architectural or design character of the district;
- (2) Retain affordable housing;
- (3) Promote appropriate new construction;
- (4) Preserve and stabilize the city and property values;
- (5) Protect desirable and unique physical features of existing residential and commercial properties;
- (6) Promote economic revitalization and maintain continued economic vitality;
- (7) Attract quality investment and encourage land development which complements and enhances the character of the neighborhood; and
- (8) Ensure that development within the zone maintains well-planned urban design relationships with their neighborhoods and adjoining areas.

WHEREAS, Prince George's County Code (Subtitle 27, Sec. 27-213.19) permits the District Council to designate an architectural conservation overlay zone if the municipality in which the proposed district is located requests such a designation, by resolution of the city council;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Mount Rainier held a public hearing on the concept of architectural conservation overlay zones on October 16, 2008;

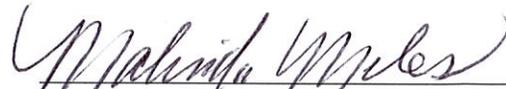
WHEREAS, as required by the Prince George's County Code (Subtitle 27, Sec. 27-213.19) the proposed Mount Rainier Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone would encompass more than 10 contiguous acres; the boundaries will follow property lines, streets, or permanent natural features; it will not exclude part of any included property; and all included property is within the City of Mount Rainier;

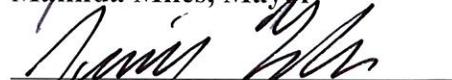
NOW ,THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

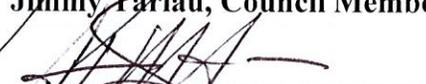
1. The Mayor and Council of the City of Mount Rainier hereby request by this resolution that the Prince George's County District Council designate an architectural conservation overlay zone for the City of Mount Rainier, Maryland; and
2. That the District Council adopt a resolution authorizing the Prince George's County Planning Board to prepare an architectural conservation plan for the proposed district; and that
3. The boundaries of the Mount Rainier Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone shall be the same as established for the Mount Rainier National Register Historic District established in 1990, except that the Mount Rainier Town Center zone be excluded since it already has been established as an overlay zone with design guidelines.

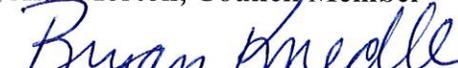
Attest:


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The Honorable Samuel Dean, Chairperson
Prince George's County Council
County Administration Building
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Chairman Dean:

On November 5, 2008, the Mayor and Council of the City of Mount Rainier passed Resolution 18-2008 requesting the Prince George's County Council to designate the City as an Architectural Conservation Overlay Zone.

The City of Mount Rainier is concerned about the preserving and maintaining the character of its neighborhoods, specifically the architectural or design character of the district, while maintaining affordable housing and promoting economic revitalization and quality investment in the community.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the City of Mount Rainier, I urge you and the members of the County Council to give serious consideration to this request by adopting a resolution authorizing the Prince George's County Planning Board to prepare an architectural conservation plan for the proposed district.

I have enclosed a copy of the adopted resolution passed by the City of Mount Rainier for your convenience. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Jeannelle Branson Wallace
City Manager

Cc: Prince George's County Council
Mayor and Council, City of Mount Rainier