

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. O-24-38 ENACTMENT NO. 0.2024.034

SPONSORED BY: Joaquín Baca, by request

1 **ORDINANCE**

2 **DESIGNATION OF THE ALDO LEOPOLD HOUSE AS A CITY LANDMARK.**

3 **WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-22-3 NMSA 1978 of the Historic District**
4 **and Landmark Act the City Council, the governing body of the City of**
5 **Albuquerque, has the authority to adopt zoning districts designating certain**
6 **areas as historical areas and to adopt and enforce regulations and restrictions**
7 **within such districts relating to the erection, alterations and destruction of**
8 **those exterior features of buildings and other structures subject to public view**
9 **from any public street, way or other public place; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the authority conferred by the Historic District and Landmark**
11 **Act is consistent with the authority of the City Council to amend the zone map**
12 **for the physical development of the areas within the planning and platting**
13 **jurisdiction of the City as authorized by Section 3-19-5 NMSA 1978, and by the**
14 **City of Albuquerque’s home rule powers; and**

15 **WHEREAS, the protection, reuse, and enhancement of significant**
16 **buildings, districts, and sites is a goal of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County**
17 **Comprehensive Plan; and**

18 **WHEREAS, the property owner, consents to the designation of the property**
19 **as a City of Albuquerque Landmark; and**

20 **WHEREAS, The Aldo Leopold House already holds significance as a**
21 **contributing property to the Aldo Leopold Neighborhood Historic District,**
22 **which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.**

23 **Additionally, the house itself is recognized on both the New Mexico State**
24 **Register of Cultural Properties and the National Register of Historic Places;**
25 **and**

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1 **WHEREAS, the Landmarks Commission, in its advisory role on historic**
2 **preservation matters has recommended City Council approval of the landmark**
3 **designation; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO) Subsection 14-16-**
5 **6-7(C) provides for designation of landmark sites and structures; and**

6 **WHEREAS, the Landmarks Commission, on June 10, 2024, recommended**
7 **that the City Council approve a designation of City Landmark Site at 135 14th**
8 **Street SW, between Central and Los Alamos Avenues SW; and**

9 **WHEREAS, Aldo Leopold’s importance to New Mexico lies in his profound**
10 **influence on conservation ethics and land management practices, which have**
11 **had lasting impacts on the state’s environment and culture. The Leopold**
12 **family lived in the house for nearly a decade; and**

13 **WHEREAS, the house embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type,**
14 **period, or method of significance with its period of significance being 1916-**
15 **1959. Its intricate features highlight the craftsmanship and characteristic**
16 **elements of its era and construction methods. Reflective of the prevalent trend**
17 **in Albuquerque's suburban landscape during the 1910s and 20s, the house**
18 **incorporates various elements synonymous with the Bungalow Style,**
19 **seamlessly integrating with neighboring bungalows along South Fourteenth**
20 **Street.**

21 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
22 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

23 **SECTION 1: That the Aldo Leopold House Site, located at 135 14th Street**
24 **SW, between Central and Los Alamos Avenues SW be designated a City**
25 **Landmark.**

26 **SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,**
27 **clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or**
28 **unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not**
29 **affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council**
30 **hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section,**
31 **paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any**
32 **provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.**

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1 **SECTION 3: COMPILATION.** This ordinance shall not be incorporated in
2 and made part of the Revised Ordinances of Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994.

3 **SECTION 4: OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.** The City Planning Department shall
4 update the official Zoning Map to reflect the adopted City Landmark
5 designation for the Aldo Leopold house located at 135 14th Street SW, between
6 Central and Los Alamos Avenues SW.

7 **SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect five days
8 after publication by title and general summary.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF October, 2024
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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Dan Lewis, President
City Council

APPROVED THIS 30 DAY OF October, 2024

Bill No. O-24-38



Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
City of Albuquerque

ATTEST:



Ethan Watson, City Clerk

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