

RESOLUTION NO. 03-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
GRANTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION STATUS FOR COMPONENT NO. 2
OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 003-001: OFFICE PROFESSIONAL
LAND USE AND ZONE CHANGE 003-001
(APPLICANTS RYAN AND JENNIFER LANGSTAFF)

WHEREAS, the Land Use Element of the General Plan calls for the City to “Preserve the ‘small town’ character that the City has historically enjoyed; preservation efforts include revitalizing the historic downtown through encouraging office, government, residential and other activity-generating land uses to be located in the downtown.”; and

WHEREAS, Policy Com-5 on page LU-31 of the General Plan addresses the “Office Professional” land use designation, encouraging professional offices in and around the downtown area, “including historic residential areas adjacent to the downtown”; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1991, the Office Professional land use designation has been applied to properties adjacent to the commercial core of the downtown area. As stated in Policy Com-5, Office Professional land uses are provided for in two forms: an Office Professional Zone and through an Office Professional Zoning Overlay; and

WHEREAS, the Office Professional Zoning Overlay permits professional offices, subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit. Establishment of the Zoning Overlay provides an opportunity for an additional land use option and does not preclude land uses consistent with the base Zoning; and

WHEREAS, the applicants are seeking an Office Professional General Plan land use designation and Zoning for their block (the west side of Oak Street between 8th and 9th Streets, west to the existing alley); and

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared for this project, a copy of which is attached and Public Notice of the proposed Negative Declaration was given as required by Section 21092 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were conducted by the Planning Commission on April 22, 2003 and by the City Council on May 6, 2003 to consider the Initial Study prepared for this application, and to accept public testimony regarding this proposed environmental determination; and

WHEREAS, based on the information contained in the Initial Study prepared for this project and testimony received as a result of the public notice, the City Council finds no substantial evidence that there would be a significant impact on the environment if the application were approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the City Council's independent judgment, the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby approve a Negative Declaration for this component of General Plan Amendment 003-001, and the accompanying Rezone, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 6th day of May 2003 by the following vote:

AYES: Finigan, Heggarty, Nemeth, Picanco and Mecham
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk