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Resolution authorizing and directing the Director of City Planning to implement the creation of Historic Conservation Districts within the City of Pittsburgh.

Whereas, based on a recommendation in the City's Preservation Plan, the City is currently working on the development of historic conservation overlay district guidelines for incorporation into the City Code; and

Whereas, the City of Pittsburgh received a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) CLG Grant for partial funding for a historic conservation overlay districts study; and

Whereas, the study defines opportunities, technical requirements and operational needs for the successful execution of historic conservation overlay districts; and

Whereas, the purpose of the study is to provide a clear and concise report that will serve as a tool for community groups who want to preserve the historical nature of neighborhoods that may lack sufficient significance and integrity for full status as a historic district as outlined in the City Code; and

Whereas, the purpose of the guidelines is to maintain the historic character of portions of the City, while allowing compatible modern development; and

Whereas, the objectives specific to this project include developing guidelines in concert with City staff; and

Whereas, the guidelines must meet technical requirements as identified through examples of other cities' successful programs; and

Whereas, the guidelines must be easy for staff to use and for the public to understand; and

Whereas, an operational plan is being developed to guide City staff in implementing the additional level of project review via the administrative review processes

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances, the Council of the City hereby authorizes and directs the Director of City Planning to implement the creation of Historic Conservation Districts within the City of Pittsburgh.

Section 2. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby authorizes a moratorium of demolitions in the area

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comprised by the boundaries identified in the Mexican War Streets expansion National Register Nomination of 2008. Exceptions shall be made for structures that pose an imminent public safety hazard.