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**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTIETH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. O-13-54 **ENACTMENT NO.** _____

SPONSORED BY: **Rey Garduño**

ORDINANCE

Designating Portions Of The Albuquerque International Sunport As A City Landmark (Garduño)

DESIGNATING PORTIONS OF THE ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL SUNPORT AS A CITY LANDMARK.

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

WHEREAS, the authority conferred by the Historic District and Landmark Act is consistent with the authority of the City Council to amend the Zone Map for the physical development of areas within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the City as authorized by Section 3-19-3, NMSA 1978, and by the City of Albuquerque’s home rule powers; and

WHEREAS, the protection, reuse, and enhancement of significant historic buildings and districts is a goal of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the property owner consents in the designation of the property as a City of Albuquerque Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, in its advisory role on historic preservation matters, has recommended City Council approval of the landmark designation.

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

Section 1. That the north façade and the lobby or “Great Hall” of the Albuquerque

International Sunport Terminal is designated a City Landmark.

Section 2. FINDINGS ADOPTED. The City Council adopts the following Findings as recommended by the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission:

(A) This is a request for a recommendation to the City Council of a City landmark designation for a portion the Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal, a building at 2200 Sunport Boulevard SE, which address is on Tract A-1 of the Sunport Municipal Addition.

(B) The City of Albuquerque is the owner of the property and application was submitted by the City of Albuquerque Aviation Department.

(C) The subject property is zoned SU-1 for Airport and Related Facilities.

(D) §14-12-7 of the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Ordinance provides procedures and criteria for evaluating the suitability of a property for City landmark designation.

(E) The Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal has cultural and architectural significance in its use of architectural motifs inspired by indigenous cultures of New Mexico. It is the latest and the best-known example of an Albuquerque transportation terminal to exhibit these motifs in a tradition of architectural design of transportation facilities in Albuquerque for more than a century.

(F) The Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal is suitable for preservation. It is a working facility in good structural condition and repair. The significant features proposed for landmark designation are the north façade and the great hall. Less significant parts of the terminal are subject to more frequent change and need not be preserved to City landmark standards.

(G) The Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal has educational significance because its design evinces respect for New Mexico's ancient landscape and the indigenous architecture it inspired. The Terminal declares visually that New Mexico is different from wherever a traveler's airliner may have departed.

(H) A portion of the Albuquerque International Sunport Terminal meets a criterion for City Landmark designation in that it represents the work of an architect, designer, or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the city, architect William E. Burk, Jr. William E. Burk, Jr. practiced architecture in Albuquerque for forty years and his body of work includes commercial, institutional, and residential buildings, many of which are noteworthy.

(I) The features of the Albuquerque Sunport Terminal building that are significant and help

to define the architectural character of the building are the north façade and the lobby, or “great hall”.

(J) The architectural features of the north façade that are significant and worthy of preservation are the building block massing with projecting and recessed elements and varying roof heights; the color scheme of earth-tone stucco and concrete with medium blue trim: the stair-step motif, painted medium blue in stucco and metal façade features including certain window groups; the free-standing steel canopies, and the light wells between the elevated roadway and the facade.

(K) The architectural features of the lobby, or “Great Hall” that are significant and worthy of preservation are the laminated wood beams and corbels with carved and painted imagery, separated by a wood-clad ceiling system that evokes traditional *latilla* ceilings, painted accent colors and designs on the laminated beams, the pattern of windows and openings to other interior areas as defined by the structural frame, the single-volume space with clerestory windows, a space divided only by furniture, fixtures, displays and escalators, and the floor of multi-tone brick in a pattern.

(L) The request fulfills the intent of the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Ordinance in that it serves to preserve, protect, enhance, perpetuate and promote the use of structures and areas of historical, cultural, and architectural significance located within the City.

Section 3. ADDITIONAL FINDING

(A) The Finding adopted as Section 2, Items I, J and K above, shall constitute general preservation guidelines for the Albuquerque International Airport Terminal.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five days after publication by title and general summary.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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