

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CITY OF COLUMBIA  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 3013**

**AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE CONRAD WENKEL  
OLD MILL SALOON & INN (NOW OUR HOUSE CAFÉ) IN  
THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS TO BE A CITY OF  
COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITE LANDMARK**

WHEREAS, Section 15.64.090 (Surveys and Research) of Chapter 15.64 (HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION) of the City of Columbia, Illinois (the "City") Municipal Code (the "Historic Preservation Code" or the "Code") allows and provides that the Columbia Heritage and Preservation Commission (the "Heritage Commission"), shall undertake an ongoing survey and research effort in the city to identify neighborhoods, areas, sites, structures and objects that have historic, community, architectural or aesthetic importance, interest or value;

WHEREAS, said Section 15.64.090 of said Chapter 15.64 of said Historic Preservation Code further provides and requires that the Heritage Commission shall identify potential landmarks and adopt procedures to nominate them in groups based upon criteria set forth in said Section 15.64.090 and in Section 15.64.100 of said Code;

WHEREAS, Section 15.64.110 of the Historic Preservation Code allows the Heritage Commission to request historic landmark designation by the City Council for any structure, building or site, or part thereof, within the boundaries of the City, which may have historic or architectural significance as defined in the Code, by filing an application with the City Council which application is then forwarded to the Heritage Commission for public hearing and subsequent recommendation;

WHEREAS, Section 15.64.110 of the Historic Preservation Code further provides that a simple majority vote by the City Council is necessary for approval of a landmark designation and Section 11-48.2-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-48.2-2) and Section 15.64.020 of the City's Historic Preservation Code provide and require that designation of a building, structure or site in the City as a landmark requires the enactment of an Ordinance by the City Council;

WHEREAS, based upon surveys and research performed by the Heritage Commission, it was found and determined that the Conrad Wenkel Old Mill Saloon & Inn qualifies as a landmark in the city due to its historic, community, architectural or aesthetic importance, interest or value;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedural requirements for designation of landmarks set forth in Section 15.64.110 of the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance, a public hearing was held and a subsequent resolution was adopted by the Heritage Commission, which then forwarded its evaluations and recommendations regarding the same to the City Council for further action, following which the City Council adopted those findings and recommendations as part of Ordinance 2708 on February 2, 2009, which Ordinance designated several landmark properties;

WHEREAS, it was subsequently determined, after lengthy research and discussion, that recording landmark status with Monroe County requires a separate Ordinance to be prepared for each landmark to be recorded; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois has found and determined and does hereby declare that the above and hereinafter in this Ordinance described building, structure or site qualifies for designation as a landmark in the city under and pursuant to the City's Historic Preservation Code; and, has found that it is fitting, proper and in the public interest that said building, structure or site be designated as a landmark in the city due to its historic, community, architectural or aesthetic importance, interest or value; and therefore enacts this Ordinance for the purpose of designating said building, structure or site as a City Landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1.** The recitals contained above in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby incorporated herein by reference, the same as if set forth in this Section of this Ordinance verbatim, as findings of the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois.

**Section 2.** The City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois does hereby designate the following described building, structure or site located in the City as a City landmark worthy of rehabilitation, restoration and preservation because of its historic, community, architectural or aesthetic importance, interest or value, to wit:

- The former Conrad Wenkel Old Mill Saloon & Inn, now Our House Cafe

The former Conrad Wenkel Old Mill Saloon & Inn on which is located Our House Cafe having the assigned address of 125 North Rapp Avenue, in the

City of Columbia, Illinois which property is more particularly described as follows:

The Northeasterly 95 feet of Lot 12 of Block 3 of Wilson and Gardner Addition to the Town, now City, of Columbia, Monroe County, Illinois: being also known and designated as Tax Lot 12-A of Block 3 of Wilson and Gardner Addition to the Town, now City, of Columbia, Illinois, as shown by page 32 of Surveyor's Official Plat Record "A" (Town Lots) of Monroe County, Illinois records.

Situated in the City of Columbia, County of Monroe and State of Illinois.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall record a duly authenticated copy of this Ordinance in the Office of the Monroe County, Illinois Recorder, for and on behalf of the City as soon as practicable after the enactment of this Ordinance.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

Alderman Niemietz moved the adoption of the above and foregoing Ordinance; the motion was seconded by Alderman Huch, and the roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews and Reis.

NAYS: None.

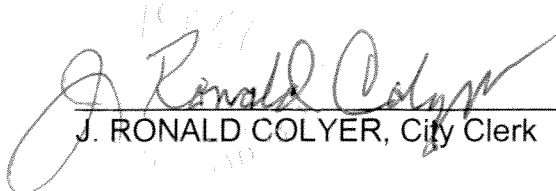
ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor, this 1st day of April, 2013.

  
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KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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J. RONALD COLYER, City Clerk  
  
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