

Resolution No. 2015-25

[CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2015](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 25

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, designating Historic Fort Steilacoom as the City's First Community Landmark.

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood incorporated on February 28, 1996; and

WHEREAS, over one hundred and fifty years earlier, in 1844, Mr. Joseph Heath leased a plot of land from the Hudson Bay Company and established a farm; and,

WHEREAS, in 1849, shortly after Mr. Heath's death, the United States government leased the land from the Hudson Bay Company, and established Fort Steilacoom, serving early pioneers and establishing a foothold for United States interests in an area also subject to claim by the British; and

WHEREAS, in 1857 U.S. Army Colonel Silas Casey secured Federal funds to expand and modernize the Fort, and Lieutenant August Kautz supervised the removal of the original log buildings and the construction of new stick-frame and brick structures, including the four buildings now being recognized; and

WHEREAS, Fort Steilacoom was the first military post established in the Washington Territory, and endured as a formal military presence in the region until 1869, when it was closed to become what is now Western State Hospital; and

WHEREAS the City of Lakewood seeks to recognize Historic Fort Steilacoom and its' history as essential to the development of the Pacific Northwest, the State of Washington, and the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, the Lakewood Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board held a public hearing on July 30, 2015 and thereafter voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council that Historic Fort Steilacoom be designated as the City's first Community Landmark.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lakewood City Council pursuant to Chapter 2.48 Lakewood Municipal Code does hereby designate Historic Fort Steilacoom and its environs including the Fort Steilacoom Settler's Cemetery as a **Community Landmark**.

PASSED by the Lakewood City Council this 21st day of September, 2015.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Heidi Wachter, City Attorney