

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING  
THE JOSEPH W. ROYER ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, 2008 will mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Urbana, and in 2009 the Bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth will be commemorated statewide, both of which are expected to focus the public's attention on Urbana's heritage;

WHEREAS, Ilona Matkovszki and Dennis Roberts have requested that the City of Urbana establish a district in the downtown area which, based on the theme of buildings designed by Urbana architect Joseph W. Royer, would be intended to promote the area's historic resources as cultural and economic assets; and

WHEREAS, the district is intended to be a catalyst for public education, the arts, entertainment, tourism, business development, and for the city's general promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council on September 10, 2007 voted to support the concept of the district and requested the Urbana Historic Preservation Commission to review and approve a draft promotional brochure; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission on November 7, 2007 approved a motion supporting the concept of the district along with a brochure to be entitled "Joseph W. Royer Arts and Architecture District"; and

WHEREAS, the Joseph W. Royer Arts and Architecture District is distinct and separate from the "Joseph Royer Historic District" designated by the Urbana City Council pursuant to Urbana's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the "Joseph W. Royer Arts and Architecture District" is hereby established.

Section 2. That the boundaries of the Joseph W. Royer Arts and Architecture District are to be generally defined as North Lincoln Avenue on the west, Main and Water Streets on the north, Lynn Street on the east, and Green Street on the south, the district boundaries for which are more accurately depicted in ATTACHMENT A.

Section 3. That the Urbana City Council may choose to appropriate funding from time to time to further the stated purposes of the district.

Section 4. That designation of the Joseph W. Royer Arts and Architecture District does not impose any restriction or financial obligation on any property or property owner, business, or resident within its boundaries.

Section 5. That the Joseph W. Royer Arts and Architecture District is distinct and separate from the "Joseph Royer Historic District" designated by the Urbana City Council pursuant to Article XII., Historic Preservation Ordinance, of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance.

PASSED by the City Council this 17th day of December,  
2007.

APPROVED by the Mayor on 25th day of December,

2007.



*Phillip D. Clark*  
Phillip D. Clark, City Clerk

*D. Roberts*  
Deputy Clerk

*Laurel Lunt Prussing*  
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor