RESOLUTION No. 127-07
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND APPROVING
THE DESIGNATION OF THE SANTA FE TRAINMASTER’S OFFICE AS A HISTORIC
RESOURCE PURSUANT TO RMC CHAPTER 6.06

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond recognizes the importance of
preserving and enhancing the City’s historical and cultural background; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Structures Code, Chapter 6.06 of the Richmond Municipal
Code, sets forth the criteria and procedures for the designation of a property as a
Richmond “Historic Resource” or properties as a “Historic District”; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2007, the City of Richmond Historic Preservation
Advisory Committee conducted a duly noticed public hearing, to consider recommending
to the City Council designation of the Santa Fe Trainmaster’s Office located at 4 West
Richmond Avenue and hereafter referred to as the “Trainmaster Office”; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee voted unanimously to
recommend the designation of the Trainmaster’s Office as a “Historic Resource” to the City
Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond finds that the Trainmaster’s Office
meets the criteria for designation because: 1) it is associated with the arrival of the Santa
Fe Railroad, an industry that helped shape the development and growth of Richmond; and,
2) is a unique type and style of building that maintains all of the architectural features
common to railroad structures, yet the overall design and use of the building as a reading
room makes it distinct in the broader sense of character defining rail yard type structures of
the period; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic Resource Designation complies with the goals
and policies of the City of Richmond General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richmond has determined that
designation of the Trainmaster’s Office is exempt from the California Environmental Quality
Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15308, Class 8, Actions by Regulatory
Agencies for the Protection of the Environment as the project proposes to preserve the
historic features of the building.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of
Richmond hereby designates the Trainmaster’s Office as a “Historic Resource”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subject structure be placed on the Richmond
Historic Register as a Historic Resource; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City of Richmond is directed to:

a. Provide a signed copy of this resolution and written notice of the designation of
the subject structure and its placement in the Richmond Register to all of the
following: the applicant(s) for designation (if any); the owner(s) of the subject
property(ies); the City Building Official; the Director of Planning & Building
Services; the Richmond Museum Association; the State Office of Historic
Preservation; and, the Contra Costa Historical Society; and

b. Cause a copy of this resolution to be recorded with the Recorder of Contra
Costa County as an amendment to the Richmond Historic Register.
I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held December 4, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

[SEAL]

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

LOUISE RENNE, Interim
City Attorney

State of California  
County of Contra Costa  : ss.
City of Richmond  

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 127-07, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on December 4, 2007.