ORDINANCE NO.: _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 115-320(e)(2)(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regulating window openings on commercial facades in the Downtown Commercial Historic District.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse does ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Subsection 115-320(e)(2)(b) is hereby amended as follows:

b. Windows.

Existing window openings shall be retained. Window openings shall not be filled in with wood, brick, or any other materials. Any existing window openings currently filled with transparent materials shall continue to be filled with transparent materials. Window openings on street facing facades shall not be filled with wood, brick or any other non-transparent materials. Window openings on street viewable and rear facades should be filled with transparent materials. If transparent materials are not used, window openings on street viewable and rear facades may be filled in with fiber cement siding, brick or shutters only if determined necessary by the Planning and Development Department and approved in advance of installation by the Planning and Development Department. Window openings on street viewable and rear facades may be filled in with additional materials only if approved by the Heritage Preservation Commission.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the article shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Timothy Kabat, Mayor

Teri Lehrke, City Clerk

Passed:

Approved:

Published: