

City of Cheney
609 Second Street
Cheney, WA 99004

**CITY OF CHENEY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION E-868**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NOMINATION OF THE NORTHERN PACIFIC
DEPOT TO THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

WHEREAS, according to the Cheney Municipal Code, chapter 19.22.070, it is the responsibility of the Cheney Historic Preservation Commission to identify and actively encourage the conservation of Cheney's historic resources by initiating and maintaining a register of historic places; and

WHEREAS, any building, structure, site, object, or district may be designated for inclusion in the Cheney Register of Historic Places if it is significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or cultural heritage of the community; and

WHEREAS, the property at 15 Union Street, Cheney, Washington, has been determined by the Cheney Historic Preservation Commission to exemplify or reflect special elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, or architectural history, and to be associated with the lives of persons significant in state or local history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Cheney:

1. That the nomination to request the property located at 15 Union Street be considered to be placed on the Cheney Register of Historic Places was accurately filled out and that all sections requesting information were complete.
2. That the property meets the requirements of CMC 19.22.110, Register of historic places criteria, and was significantly associated with the history and cultural heritage of the community.
3. The depot was constructed by the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1929 at the request of then Mayor and Governor Clarence Daniel Martin.
4. While the previous location of the structure was next to the BNSF Railway tracks, the new location is approximately 1,500 feet to the SW and 70 feet away from the tracks with the orientation of the building rotated 180 degrees

5. The “passenger facing” side of the structure which originally faced the railroad tracks, will now face 1st Street (State Route 904) in its new location for purposes of building attractiveness to the public on 1st Street and orientation to better fit into the fabric of the nearby downtown core
6. The reason for the “re-orientation” to make the building useable for adaptive re-use with the “public-facing side” of the depot facing the public street.
7. The building accented by high quality materials including brick as the physical characteristics of the building illustrated the advancement this small rural community had made.
8. That the building and was identified as eligible for the National Register in 1990, but was not listed at the request of the BNSF Railroad.
9. That the building was originally within the boundary of the Central Cheney National Register at its former location at the foot of College Avenue, and was a contributing property to the historic district. The property is now adjacent to the boundary of the Central Cheney National Register Historic District in its new or current location.
10. That the building embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of construction.
11. Significant or character-defining features on the exterior of the building include the colonnade and stucco facade, roof materials (terracotta style, rare on depots built by the NPRR) and Spanish-style architecture and stucco fascia, rare on depots built by the NPRR. The original fenestration (windows and doors). The use of local slate/bricks for the foundation and platform. Exposed beam elements supporting entry roof overhangs display the trademark curved step elements popular in the Art Deco/Streamline styles prevalent in the 1930’s
12. The property exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City’s cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history.
13. That the property was associated with the lives of persons significant in local history.
14. That the relocation of the depot from its original site was necessary to preserve the building for future generations.
15. That the re-orienting of the building was not unduly detrimental to its historic integrity.
16. That the property at 15 Union Street, Washington, is hereby listed as a Historic Property on the Cheney Register of historic Places.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cheney at a regular meeting this **24th Day of November, 2020** at the Cheney City Council Chambers, 609 Second St, Cheney, WA 99004.

Chris Grover, Mayor

Attest:

Cynthia L. Niemeier, City Clerk