

RESOLUTION NO. 2077

WHEREAS, the Council has received repeated questions both directly and through other City Commissions concerning the former French's Jewelry building owned by First National Bank of Oregon, and

WHEREAS, the Council and citizens of Albany have been led to believe for some time that it was the intent of First National Bank of Oregon to tear down the building shortly after the departure of French's, and

WHEREAS, the Council is concerned with the downtown commercial area, its stability and growth, and

WHEREAS, the removal or loss of this building would significantly impact the visual image of First Street, particularly if it were replaced with blacktop for parking, and

WHEREAS, one of the downtown's major attraction mechanisms is the older buildings, their history and architecture, and

WHEREAS, downtown's competition with current and future shopping areas is on the increase, and

WHEREAS, the loss of this building would further weaken the architectural continuity of the area, as well as, eliminate much needed retail space,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Albany that in light of the above-stated reasons, the Council recommends that First National Bank of Oregon seriously consider any and all alternatives which would eliminate the necessity for removal of this building, recognizing that such an occurrence would be a substantial loss to the downtown commercial area and City as a whole.

DATED this *20th* day of *June*, 1979.

Richard S. Olsen

Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]

City Recorder