

**ORDINANCE NO. O2024-018**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
YUMA, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF  
CERTAIN HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Yuma (City) is authorized pursuant to the Yuma City Charter, Article II, Section 2, to acquire and dispose of real property; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Hobbs recently approved SB 1441 directing the Arizona Historical Society to convey ownership of the following land and buildings (“Historic Properties”) to the City:

1. The Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens and Jack Mellon House located at 240 South Madison Avenue, Yuma, Arizona, and
2. The Molina Block located at 272 Madison Avenue, Yuma, Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, SB 1441 requires the City to use the Historic Properties “for public purposes perpetually” and forbids the Historical Properties from being “sold, exchanged, or bartered;” and,

WHEREAS, the president of the Arizona Historical Society is required to deliver a properly signed and recorded deed to the City of Yuma within fifteen days after SB 1441 becomes effective, which will be on or before September 29, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, to acquire the Historic Properties the Yuma City Charter, Article VII, Section 6(g), requires City Council to adopt an ordinance authorizing the acquisition and agreeing to the conditions imposed by SB 1441.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Administrator is authorized and directed to accept ownership of the Historic Properties to be conveyed to the City with the conditions imposed by SB 1441.

Adopted this \_\_ day of August, 2024.

APPROVED:

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Douglas J. Nicholls  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Lynda L. Bushong  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Richard W. Files  
City Attorney