

7. FIRE STATION NO.2 629 2ND Street (1924)



Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution: October 16, 1989
Designated by City Council: October 9, 1990

Description: Built in 1924, Fire Station #2 is a two-story, overlapped wood structure, designed in a manner similar to the bungalows in the surrounding community. The station has a low-pitched roof with composition shingles. Sideboards are at the building corners. The edge of the roof projects with boards attached at the roof edge. There is a flat entry with plain molding over doors and windows. Wooden pillars on masonry piers support a brick porch.

Historic Significance: The Hook and Ladder Company of Modesto was organized shortly after the town was laid out the volunteer fire department was comprised of many of the wealthy and influential citizens of the town and was said to have "... always had able and efficient officers, and saved the town several times from the calamities of a fire." The uniform of the company was a red shirt, black pantaloons, a fireman's hat and belt of the latest pattern" and "...they present a fine appearance when on parade, and will compare favorably with any company of the kind in the State."