



Planning & Community Development Department

Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments Workshop

Planning Commission
June 24, 2020





Background & Purpose

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- City Council has directed staff to update the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- Interim Urgency Ordinance in effect temporarily prohibits demolition and major alteration of eligible, undesignated historic resources (expires November 3rd).
- Purpose of workshop:
 - Provide overview of the types of amendments being considered.
 - Receive input and recommendations on amendments Commissioners believe should be considered.



Categories of Potential Amendments

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- Three broad categories of amendments are being considered:
 - > New policies
 - > Codify & define existing procedures
 - > Technical corrections & clarifications



New Policies

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- Intent: Address community concerns and best practices in historic preservation.
- Examples:
 - > Additional protections for eligible, undesignated historic resources.
 - > Create process to evaluate potential historical significance.
 - > Re-consider list of Major and Minor Projects.



New Policies (Continued)

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- Examples (continued):
 - > Review and possibly expand incentives available to designated historic resources.
 - > Establish clear criteria for rescission of or amendment to a landmark district or conservation plan.
 - > Refine Economic Hardship provisions.
 - > Establish minimum maintenance requirements and consider alternate penalties for violations of the ordinance

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Codify & Define Existing Procedures

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- Intent: Ensure that existing procedures in the ordinance are clear and understandable to the general public.
- Examples:
 - > Create designation category for Greene & Greene structures.
 - > Further define the difference between historic monuments and landmarks.
 - > Further define process for creating landmark districts.
 - > Simplify violation procedures.



Technical Corrections/ Clarifications

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- Intent: Simplify and streamline the ordinance
- Examples:
 - > Eliminate redundant language and ensure consistent and understandable language throughout.
 - > Clarify duties of review authorities.
 - > Relocate and improve glossary of technical historic preservation terms.
 - > Reorganize certain sections to group common ideas and procedures together.

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Anticipated Process & Timeline

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- Public workshop (Zoom webinar) – July 1
- HPC hearing – Early August
- PC hearing – Mid/Late August
- City Council hearing – Early/Mid September
- Adoption of Ordinance – Mid/Late September
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- Ordinance effective date – Mid/Late October



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