



## **Basics of the Historic Preservation Ordinance**

The basic provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance are as follows:

- The ordinance is applied in a voluntary manner and all owners of historic properties are given the option to participate;
- The ordinance limits the City's comment to the exterior characteristics of the structures or buildings on the local registry;
- The ordinance defines a method to collectively define historic assets;
- The ordinance is geared to provide incentives to assist owners of historic properties in their preservation and restoration efforts;
- The ordinance assists with the establishment of partnerships between parties interested in assisting with historic property preservation efforts;
- The ordinance establishes a Historic Preservation Commission that provides educational, informational, and technical support to owners of historic properties;
- The ordinance allows the Historic Preservation Commission to promote educational outreach programs to all parties interested in historic preservation efforts;
- The ordinance provides a defined list of goals and objectives for all historic preservation efforts within the City;
- The ordinance contains language discouraging the demolition of historic properties; The ordinance allows the Historic Preservation Commission to identify, investigate, and promote the protection of historically significant sites;
- The ordinance creates the framework for fostering partnerships between other City review authorities, e.g. Planning and Zoning Commission, Architectural Review Board, Board of Adjustment, City Council, and the Historic Preservation Commission.

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