

Planning and
Development

FROM: Derek Delacourt, Deputy Director

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TO: HDC Commissioners

RE: Ordinance Amendment

Attached is the most recent version of the proposed Ordinance Amendment to the City's Historical Preservation Ordinance. I've provided a brief summary of the changes below.

The Commission should decide if they feel the changes are acceptable and would like to move the Ordinance Amendment on to City Council at this time.

Section 118-26 Definitions

- 1) Deleted "historic"
- 2) "Historic resource" modified to include "object" and "open space"
- 3) Added "Open space"
- 4) "Resource" modified to include "object" and "open space"

Section 118-64 Proceedings

- 1) Paragraph (e) Updated to include "in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 et seq"
- 2) Paragraph (g) Corrected incorrect use of the word "Commissionor"

Section 118-129 Initial determination and investigation

- 1) Revised paragraph to reflect that a request for a study can be made by anyone (not just a property owner in the City)
- 2) Revised paragraph to reflect that City Council should request the Study Committee to conduct an investigation

Section 118-130 Duties of study committee

- 1) Paragraph (3) Updated obsolete reference to "bureau of history of the department of state" {This department is now called the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries}
- 2) Paragraph (5) Same correction as Paragraph (3) above

Section 118-169 Demolition of hazardous structures

- 1) Paragraph (e) Deleted in its entirety

{The State Historic Preservation Office has stated that this provision does not conform with Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended; If this Paragraph remains in the City's Historical Preservation Ordinance, the City will not be granted Certified Local Government (CLG) Status}