



PLANNING & CODES

Planning and Zoning Commission Report Amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinances as adopted in Section 1.2.4 and Section 3.3.5 of the Unified Development Code

A request for Amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance was considered during a public hearing at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on January 14, 2020.

Ismael Segovia, Planning & Codes Assistant Director gave an overview of the amendments. He explained that the amendments proposed are increasing the size of the Commission from 5 to 7 members and the designation of landmarks to be in accordance with changes to the state law approved by the Texas Legislature during the last session. The increase of Commission members will ensure that the Commission represents the diversity of the Community. The second proposed change are to the designation of properties without the owner's consent. The new rule includes three separate clauses: 1) A city pursuing designation without an owner's consent must have three-quarters approval of the Preservation Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council. Additionally, 15 days prior to the first hearing on designation, the City must send a letter to the owner entailing the designation process, any additional regulations to be applied after designation and incentives and tools offered by the City for preservation; 2) No property owned by a religious organization may be designated without their consent; and 3) a property owner can withdraw their consent at any time in the designation process.

The regular meeting was then recessed, and a public hearing was held. There being no responses from the public the regular meeting reconvened.

After consideration of the staff report and all information given regarding the Amendments to Historic Preservation Ordinance as adopted in Section 1.2.4 and Section 3.3.5 of the Unified Development Code, Vice Chair Kirchner moved that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the amendments. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE SECTION 1.2.4 AND SECTION 3.3.5.

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Francis Serna
Planning Assistant

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ATTEST: Ismael Segovia
Planning & Codes Assistant Director