



## Agenda Item Report

**Meeting Type:** Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission

**Meeting Date:** May 27, 2026

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**Item Title:** Discuss initial draft of the zoning code rewrite regarding historic preservation

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**Detailed Description of Subject Matter:**

The Plan Commission has at its May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed an initial draft of the historic preservation code as part of a larger zoning code rewrite. The main changes from the current code include the following:

- Moving the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission (HLPC) composition and powers and duties to the same chapter as all other City boards, committees, and commissions.
- Creation of downtown design standards to be reviewed by Plan Commission with input from HLPC.
- Giving final approval of local designation from HLPC to the Council pending review and recommendation by the HLPC. Appeals process is to be determined but could go through the Zoning Review Board. Locally designated properties would still need HLPC approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness and are subject to State and National historic regulations.

The new zoning code, if implemented, may impact the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) status.

The Plan Commission expressed interest of including input by the HLPC regarding any changes to the zoning code that impacts historic preservation along with a desire to include HLPC in potential downtown design reviews.

**List all Supporting Documentation Attached:**

- Draft Historic Preservation Code Presentation Slides
- Draft Historic Preservation Zoning Code
- Draft Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission Division Code
- CLG Manual

**Action Requested of the Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission:**

Discussion, provide written input for Plan Commission to consider.

**Strategic Plan Objective:**