

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council



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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 053, 2025, Amending the Boundary and Landmark Name of the Fred W. Stover House and Garage, 515 Remington Street, Fort Collins, Colorado, a Fort Collins Landmark Pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to seek an amendment, as requested by the property owners of 515 Remington Street, a City Landmark designated in 1997, to the Landmark boundary and title listed in the designation ordinance of their property to more accurately reflect its legal description. The lot line modification was recorded with Larimer County in 2024, and the barn that was shared between 515 and 509 Remington Street was relocated entirely within the 509 Remington Street parcel. After review and consideration of the proposal at their February 19, 2025, hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) recommended through HPC Resolution 1, 2025, that Council approve the Ordinance amending the boundary and the name of the Landmark.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Council designated the Fred W. Stover House, Garage, and Shared Barn at 515 Remington St. as a City Landmark on Oct. 21, 1997, for their architectural and historical significance. Under the current Municipal Code, the significance of 515 Remington Street without the barn would fall under Standard 2 (Persons/Groups), for association with Fred W. Stover, an early Fort Collins resident, mayor, and judge, and under Standard 3 (Design/Construction), for the house's Victorian architecture with Colonial Revival details and the brick garage dating to the period of significance.

The subject property, along with 509 Remington St. to its north, underwent a lot line adjustment in 2024, recorded with Larimer County at Reception #20240030529. This modified the west portion of the property line between the two parcels, specifically the section that intersected the shared barn. To accurately reflect the boundaries of the Landmark properties, amendments to the Landmark Ordinances are needed.

Additionally, on February 19, 2025, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviewed and approved through the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness a Final Landmark Design Review application for

509 Remington Street that included a rehabilitation project for the historic barn and its relocation to entirely within the 509 Remington Street parcel. Because this approved project will move the shared barn outside of the boundary of 515 Remington Street, the term “shared barn” should also be removed from this property’s Landmark Designation.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At their February 19, 2025, regular meeting, the HPC considered the evidence presented and determined that the proposed Landmark Ordinance amendment would support the City’s historic preservation policies, outlined under City Code Section 14-1, and purposes, outlined under City Code Section 14-2, and would not result in a negative effect to the historic property based on its significance, period of significance, and character-defining features. The HPC adopted Resolution 1, 2025, recommending that Council approve the Ordinance amendment.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Because this proposed Landmark Designation amendment was supported by the property owner, public outreach or noticing described under City Code Section 14-34 was not required. Outreach was limited to coordination with the property owners for this item and the public hearing that occurred at the February 19, 2025, HPC regular meeting. No public comment was received at the hearing.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Historic Preservation Council Resolution 1, 2025
3. Location Map
4. 1997 Landmark Ordinance
5. Landmark Owner Acknowledgment
6. 2024 Lot Line Adjustment Record