



FRUITA
COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: Fruita City Council and Mayor

FROM: Planning & Development Department

DATE: May 20, 2025

AGENDA TEXT: ORDINANCE 2025-11 – FIRST READING – Introduction of an Ordinance adding 279 North Mesa Street to the City register of Historic Sites, Structures, and Districts for public hearing on June 17, 2025

BACKGROUND

In 1997, the City of Fruita created a local Registry of Historic Sites, Structures & Districts. Since that time, 27 properties have been placed on the local registry including Circle Park, Elmwood Cemetery, and many commercial and residential buildings. Recently, the owner of the house located at 279 North Mesa Street submitted a nomination for their house to be placed on the local registry.

According to the Mesa County Assessor's Office records and the nomination application, the house was constructed in 1896. More information regarding the style, condition, and history of this property is outlined in the nomination form submitted by the property owners.

According to Chapter 29 of the Fruita Land Use Code, a recommendation to the City Council on whether or not to list a property on the local registry is required from both the Fruita Historic Preservation Board and the Planning Commission before the Council takes final action. The Historic Preservation Board recommended approval by a vote of 8-0 at their May 5, 2025, public meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval by a vote of 6-0 at their May 13, 2025, public meeting. No public comments were received at either meeting and no written public comments been received by Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT

Listing properties on the City's Register of Historic Sites, Structures and Districts has no immediate or significant fiscal impact on the City.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Chapter 8 of The Comprehensive Plan, Fruita In Motion, speaks to Education, Arts, and Historic Preservation. A primary theme of the goals and actions related to Historic Preservation is geared towards keeping Fruita's history alive through the preservation of historic structures and sites. It is the intent of recognizing historic structures to help maintain Fruita's early heritage. This application furthers this intent.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

1. Publish notice of public hearing on Ordinance 2025-11 placing the property located at 279 North Mesa Street on the City Register of Historic Sites, Structures, and Districts.
2. Take no action

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of Staff that the Council by motion:

PUBLISH A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE JUNE 17, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON ORDINANCE 2025-11, PLACING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 279 NORTH MESA STREET ON THE CITY REGISTER OF HISTORIC SITES, STRUCTURES, AND DISTRICTS.