



City of Ketchum
Planning & Building

**STAFF REPORT
KETCHUM HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2022**

The Historic Preservation Commission requested additional information be provided when reviewing Requests for Alteration or Demolition of Historic Structures at their previous meeting on November 8, 2022.

The first request was for applicants to have a better understanding of why their subject property is deemed historic. One solution would be to have applicant's provide response as to how they believe their alteration or demolition meets the criteria which the HPC reviews projects.

The second request was to require title searches or chains of title for properties that come forward for requests for alteration or demolition. Staff requests the HPC discuss whether this should be a requirement for all projects or be used on a case by case basis. For example, the Gold Mine Thrift Store was deemed to be historic for its architectural details so would a title search/chain of title be necessary for review of a proposed alteration? A title search or chain of title may be more appropriate for properties where the reason as being deemed historic was as a result of a previous property owner. Another route for requiring of title searches would be for the possible inclusion of new buildings on the Historic list.

Staff recommends the Commission review and discuss the potential additional items to be requested for proposals to alter or demolish a historical structure and provide feedback to staff.