



City of LaBelle Board of Commissioners Agenda Request

To:Honorable Mayor and City Commission

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Date of Meeting: August 13th, 2026

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Title of Agenda Item:Historic Preservation Program: Chapter 8.7 Amendments, Design Guidelines, and Certified Local Government (CLG) Status

Agenda Location: [Provided by City Clerk]

Report in brief:

Staff presents for the Commission's consideration a package updating the City's historic preservation program: (1) proposed amendments to Chapter 8.7, Historic Preservation, of the City of LaBelle Code of Ordinances, in strike-and-underline form. The amendments bring the ordinance into conformance with the federal Certified Local Government (CLG) program (36 CFR Part 61); reconstitute the Historic Preservation Board as a qualified, appointed body with staggered four-year terms; require the owner's consent for individual-property designations; adopt the Design Guidelines by resolution as the standard for certificates of appropriateness; dedicate civil penalties to the Historic Preservation Board Trust Fund; recognize flood-code relief for historic buildings; and establish a new residential historic-rehabilitation ad valorem tax exemption (§ 8.7-26) alongside the existing commercial exemption. Together, these position the City to pursue Certified Local Government status.

Staff Comments:

Fiscal Impact:

Recommended Actions: