



## ATTACHMENT B – FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESPONSE LETTER

**MEMORANDUM DATE:** June 2, 2021

**AGENDA DATE:** June 9, 2021

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Historic Resources Preservation Board

**RE:** **Resolution 31-2021**

**FROM:** Jordan Hodges, Senior Preservation Coordinator  
Abraham Fogel, Preservation Planner  
Department for Community Sustainability

**TITLE:** **Resolution 31-2021:** An amendment to page 198 of the City's Historic Preservation Design Guidelines to allow Low-E coatings with a minimum visible light transmittance (VLT) of 60% for glazing in the historic districts.

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

**LAUREL M. LEE**  
Secretary of State

May 28, 2021

Ms. Erin Sita  
Assistant Director  
Department for Community Sustainability  
7 North Dixie Highway  
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

Re: City of Lake Worth Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines (LWBHPDG) Amendment

Dear Ms. Sita,

Thank you for the submission of the proposed changes to the City of Lake Worth Beach Historic Preservation Design Guidelines. Upon review of the proposed changes, we conclude that the proposed amendment is not recommended.

The proposed amendment is not in agreement with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. The *Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings* state that, "retrofitting historically-clear windows with tinted glass or reflective coatings that will negatively impact the historic character of the building..." is not recommended (p.6). The Standards continue that low-emissivity (low-e) glass is recommended if it is clear. Since a low-e coating with a visible light transmittance of less than 70% was determined by the Lake Worth Beach HRPB to be not clear glass, it is therefore not recommended for the design guidelines to permit its use on historic properties.

Please feel free to contact me at 850.245.6341 or [Mariah.Justice@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Mariah.Justice@dos.myflorida.com) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mariah Justice".

Mariah Justice  
Certified Local Government Coordinator

cc: Jordan Hodges

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