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Historic Preservation Commission
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Memorandum

Date: September 13, 2024
To: Minturn Historic Preservation Commission
From: Madison Harris, Planner I
Re: Historic Preservation Update

Ordinance 20 - Series 2024

Ord. 20 - 2024 amending Chapter 16 - Zoning and Chapter 19 - Historic Preservation was reviewed by the Planning Commission at their August 28, 2024 meeting. They recommended to Council to remove Option 3: Allow for historically designated structures in the downtown corridor to have the immediate ability to function as short term rentals on all floors, as they believed it did not meet with the goals of the 2023 Imagine Minturn Community Plan for the 100 Block.

The Town Council reviewed the ordinance on first reading at their September 3, 2024 meeting and voted to pass the ordinance on first reading with Option 3 reinstated to ensure flexibility for owners of historic property. As a reminder Ordinance 20 - Series 2024 addresses the following:

1. Option 1: Eliminate the requirement for two sets of design review guidelines
2. Option 2: Eliminating potentially redundant approval requirements
3. Option 3: Allow for historically designated structures in the downtown corridor to have the immediate ability to function as short term rentals on all floors
4. Option 4: Encourage historic preservation reinvestment as part of the Downtown Development Authority Operations Plan
5. Option 5: Require a minimum of two nominators for a structure to be nominated for historic designation
6. Option 6: Create a process whereby property owners can determine if their structure would be historically designated without necessarily “supporting” such a designation
7. Option 7: Allow residential in the Downtown Character Area on the back 50% ground floor of historically designated commercial buildings to create live/work opportunities

As part of Council’s review they also gave direction to the HPC to discuss other incentive options.

Historic Plaques

Staff has been working with the Erie Landmark Company to put together a historic plaque. Taking in the feedback that the Historic Preservation Commission provided on wording, shape, and preliminary design, attached is the final draft of the proposed historic preservation plaque. As the Town's logo colors are blue and gold, staff chose to go with the Royal Blue background color shown in the attached document.

Please note that the wording at the top will change with each plaque, as it is the location identifier of where a historically designated structure/object/site is or was.