

The Natural and Cultural Resources section of the Comprehensive Master Plan outlines recommendations for amendment to Zoning Ordinances and General Ordinances as they relate to historic properties. Specifically, objective NHC2 suggests:

- *Amend Residential District Setback Provision, Section 200-28. A (2), and allow for relief from strict adherence to the 25' setback to match the setback of adjacent historic houses.*

Objective NHC2 suggests:

- *Change threshold of Demolition Delay Ordinance to the national standard of 50 years old or older, and extend the delay period to nine months or more.*

The Planning Board and the Historical Commission, through meetings of the separate boards and through a joint meeting of the two boards evaluated both recommendations and the impacts of adopting such amendments.

The boards collectively recommend the amendment to setbacks and provide the proposed amendment to **Zoning Ordinance section 200-28 Front Yards**.

The boards collectively disagree with amending the threshold for demolition delay from the current 100 years to 50 years appreciating the significant impact it would have on a large number of parcels in the community. They recommend retaining the threshold at 100 years but modifying the length of time to receive a demolition permit from six (6) months to nine (9) months by amending **General Ordinance 87-3 Procedure**.