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**To:** Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager  
**Through:** Steven L. Medlin, AICP, City-County Planning Director *St. L. Medlin*  
**From:** Lisa Miller, Planner *Li Miller*  
**Subject:** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Historic Preservation Commission

**Summary.** The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and County of Durham that created the Durham Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has a termination date of January 1, 2011. The agreement includes language that allows the HPC to continue functioning after the termination date, but a new termination date should be established if the City and County intend to continue joint support for the HPC.

**Recommendation.** Staff recommends approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. The Historic Preservation Commission voted 8-0 on February 1, 2011 to recommend renewal of the Agreement.

**Background.** In 1992 the City and County approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement creating the Durham Historic Preservation Commission. The Agreement became effective on July 1, 1992. During this time the Planning Department has organized and staffed the Commission and a variety of historic preservation projects and efforts have been initiated and completed during the Commission's tenure. The Commission has been involved in the creation of local historic districts and landmarks and the review of Certificates of Appropriateness for proposed changes to properties in those districts and to landmarks. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement states in Paragraph V.A, that the Agreement expires on January 1, 2011, although if "the [Interlocal Cooperation Agreement] is not reauthorized or replaced as of the termination date, the Agreement shall continue unless the City or the County...indicates in writing the intent of their respective jurisdictions to terminate the Agreement, as hereafter provided."

**Issues.** Since the termination date for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing the Historic Preservation Commission has passed, the Agreement should be renewed for the City and County to jointly continue supporting the Commission and its work. No changes to the Agreement are proposed with this amendment except for the 2021 termination date.

**Alternatives:** The Durham City Council could elect to modify or not renew the Agreement.

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**Attachments.**

1. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Historic Preservation Commission