



CITY OF DURHAM | DURHAM COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA



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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager
From: Lisa Miller, AICP, Senior Planner
Subject: Downtown Durham Preservation Plan Update

Summary. The City and County, through the Planning Department's work program, have initiated a consolidation of, and update to, the criteria used by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to review proposed changes to locally-designated historic properties (local historic districts and local historic landmarks). An update to the Downtown Durham Preservation Plan is required as part of this project to remove the existing criteria and reference the new Historic Properties Local Review Criteria document.

Recommendation. That the City Council approve the Downtown Durham Preservation Plan Update.

Background. The local review criteria used by the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning staff in the review and issuance of certificates of appropriateness in the Downtown Durham Local Historic District are currently found within the Downtown Durham Preservation Plan. As part of the Historic Properties Local Review Criteria Consolidation and Update the preservation plan needs to be updated to remove the existing local review criteria from the plan and to reference the new Historic Properties Local Review Criteria document. In addition, a few minor corrections and revisions have been made to the plan. Since this plan was last updated in 2011, no changes to the survey of properties within the district were made with this update.

Advisory Body Recommendations. The Historic Preservation Commission unanimously recommended approval of this item at their October 6, 2015 meeting with no recommended changes. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this item at their November 10, 2015 meeting (9-2 vote) with no recommended changes.

Issues. No issues have been identified with this item.

Alternative. The City Council could vote to deny the Downtown Durham Preservation Plan, or to approve with changes to the update.

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Attachments

Attachment 1, Consistency Statement

Attachment 2, Ordinance

Note: The complete draft of the Downtown Durham Preservation Plan Update is in excess of 80 pages and is available for review on the Planning Department website at: <http://durhamnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4699>.