



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Beau Lockard, Historic Preservation Planner
DATE: September 20, 2024
RE: Amendments for Historic Preservation Ordinance

Issue:

Does the Historic Preservation Commission have any additional edits to the proposed amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance (Attachment 1)?

Background and Discussion:

Bill No. 24-01 of the Frederick County Council, to amend the Frederick County Historic Preservation Ordinance, was approved by the County Council on April 16, 2024. Following the adoption, the demolition review has been completed by one applicant and revealed that the process needs to be more clearly articulated. The proposed changes are a better reflection of the original intention of the review process by clarifying what happens when the HPC finds that the property does not possess unusual historic value. Staff and the County Attorney's Office work together on these changes. The demolition review process that was presented to the Historic Preservation Commission and the County Council during the introduction of the Historic Preservation Ordinance Update remains unchanged (Attachment 2).

The proposed amendments are in bill form for the County Executive and County Council. Strikethrough text is original text that is proposed for removal and underlined text is new language to be added to the ordinance. The amendments are for sections 1-23-8: Relocation or Demolition of Non-Designated Sites or Structures and 1-23-9: Economic Hardship.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission review the proposed changes and discuss any additional edits to the document.

Attachment

Attachment 1: Draft Amendments for Historic Preservation Ordinance, 1-23-8 and 1-23-9
Attachment 2: Demolition Review Process Flowchart