



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.: 02-2015

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 9, 2015

Temporary Discontinuance of Accepting Petitions for Historic Designation

The Frederick County Council has decided to review the County Zoning laws addressing the conversion or adaptive re-use of historic structures or sites (§1-19-8.600 of the Frederick County Code).

In a June 4, 2015, letter, the Council asked the County Executive to temporarily discontinue the acceptance of new petitions for designation to the County Register of Historic Places to allow the review of these County Code provisions and also to initiate any recommended revisions to the Code.

In adopting the County slogan, "Rich History, Bright Future," the County Executive has highlighted the importance of Frederick County's history.

As stated in the County's Historic Preservation Law, Frederick County Code §1-23-2, the purposes of this law include:

- safeguarding the heritage of the County
- stabilizing and improving property values and strengthening the County's economy
- fostering civic beauty
- developing an awareness of the value of preserving, protecting and restoring areas of historical, archeological or architectural significance.

The County Executive, after careful consideration of the Council's request and while emphasizing the importance of historic preservation in Frederick County, agrees with the request and issues this Executive Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAN H. GARDNER, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CHARTER OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND, AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

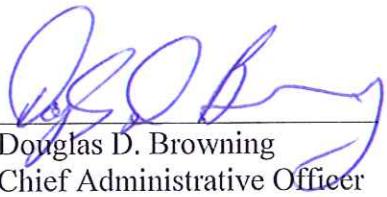
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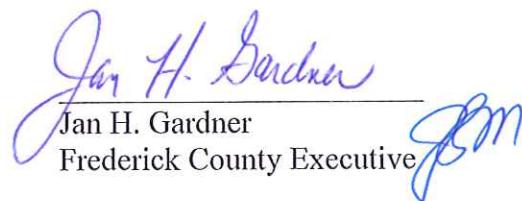
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The Frederick County Community Development Division staff is directed to temporarily discontinue accepting petitions for designation to the Frederick County Register of Historic Places.

This Executive Order is issued this 9th day of June, 2015, effective immediately, and shall terminate on December 7, 2015, (the first working day 180 days from today) or until changed by further Executive Order.



Douglas D. Browning
Chief Administrative Officer



Jan H. Gardner
Frederick County Executive
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June 4, 2015

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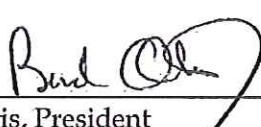
Dear Executive Gardner,

The Frederick County Council voted at their meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 to formally and respectfully request that you issue a directive in your capacity as the County Executive to the Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission that they cease accepting all new applications for properties seeking a Historic Designation for a period not to exceed 180 days.

This request is being made due to concerns and issues raised with the Frederick County Historic Designation provision in the Frederick County Code. The Frederick County Council has indicated its intent to review §1-19-8.600 Historic Structures or Sites, and would greatly appreciate if you could place a moratorium on new applications for this designation to allow the Council to perform a more thorough review and discuss possible amendments.

Thank you for your consideration on this request.

ON BEHALF OF THE
FREDERICK COUNTY COUNCIL



Bud Otis, President

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