
Regarding: **Ordinance Revisions (Legistar #17835)**

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General Information:

For the last several months, the Landmarks Commission has been reviewing the Landmarks Ordinance and discussing potential revisions. After discussions with the Assistant City Attorney, it is recommended that the revisions to the Ordinance be completed in two phases.

The City Attorney's office has been consulted in drafting these changes and Alder Maniaci has agreed to sponsor the Ordinance Amendment. The attached ordinance reflects Phase 1 revisions as described below:

Phase 1

- Include language to have Certificate of Appropriateness expire after 24 months.
- Change Commission name to Historic Preservation Commission
- Include language from zoning code 28.04(3)n regarding review of development on lot adjoining s landmark or landmark site.
- Change section name to read "Designation and rescission of landmarks and landmark sites".
- Change the word "Shall" to "may" when the Common Council considers rescission related to the sale of landmark sites.
- Add language describing that landmark plaques should not be removed or altered without approval of Preservation Planner.
- Change the word "guidelines" to "requirements", "criteria", or "provisions" throughout the ordinance.
- Remove language in appeal section that relates to demolition because it seems superfluous and causes confusion.

Phase 2

- Variance language
- Definitions
- Tighten landmark maintenance section that is described as "keep in good repair".
- The criteria for each historic district should be reviewed in the future.