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MEMORANDUM

TO: Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee

FROM: John W. Strange, Assistant City Attorney

RE: Initial Ordinance Draft (Phase II)

Date: February 4, 2019

At the last meeting of the Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee (LORC) the committee asked that I provide an initial ordinance amendment replacing the individual historic district ordinances contained Subchapter 41G of the Historic Preservation Ordinance with the Uniform Standards for Rehabilitation recommended by the Consultant. I have done that in the attached draft ordinance within the context of the entire ordinance. The only other text I changed in the attached draft is the title of Subchapter 41G. The changes begin on page 15 of the PDF.

If the LORC decides to move to uniform standards for all historic districts, I will begin working with the ordinance to have the numbering and format match the numbering and format in the front half of the ordinance.

Other items LORC will need to consider soon include:

- 1.) Whether and how to revise Subchapter 41D since historic district ordinances would no longer be required.
- 2.) Whether to change the overall organizational of the ordinance.
For example, it may make sense to eliminate Subchapter 41G altogether and incorporate the uniform standards directly into Subchapter 41D on Historic Districts. This may inspire other changes, like moving the standards for Landmarks and Landmark sites from Subchapter 41F to Subchapter 41C for consistency. I have some ideas on how this could be done and can work with staff to present organizational alternatives at the next meeting.
- 3.) Finally, LORC will obviously need to consider the substance of the uniform standards as well as all of the other recommended changes made by the consulting, including those to existing definitions, etc.