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Updated Ordinance Draft

The Landmarks Ordinance Review Committee has been working on finalizing a draft of the proposed new historic district standards. As they approach putting the draft out for public comment, they asked that Landmarks Commission provide comments on the current working draft. As a result of the joint meeting of LORC and the Landmarks Commission on March 9, 2021, staff streamlined the ordinance draft to provide more of a balance between specificity and flexibility. The organization of the ordinance remains largely the same. The main exception is that the guidelines are now a part of a separate document so as to not introduce potential confusion between what is a standard and what is a guideline on how to meet the standard. The design guidelines draft is text only at the moment with the intent to add illustrations once the text is finalized.

LORC would like the commission's feedback on both the ordinance language and the initial design guidelines draft to make sure that this is heading in a direction that the Landmarks Commission finds practical and useful.