



City of Greensboro

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Agenda Report

File Number: 2021-485

Agenda Item# H.4.

Agenda Date: 12/21/2021. **Department:** Planning

Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** Public Hearing Agenda

Title: 2021-485 - Public Hearing for the Adoption of a Land Development Ordinance Text Amendment - Amending Section 30-3-8.2 (Membership)

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

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Council District: 2 and 3

Public Hearing: Yes

Advertising Date/By: December 9 & 16, 2021/by City Clerk

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this text amendment is to amend the Land Development Ordinance to require any persons serving as the dedicated representative for a locally zoned historic district on the Historic Preservation Commission to either reside or own property in that district.

As this request is a text amendment, the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider and take action on this request at its December 21, 2021 meeting

BACKGROUND:

The Greensboro Historic Preservation Commission oversees the preservation and enhancement of the city's historic resources through locally designated historic districts, recommendations on nominations for local and national historic landmark status and to aid as necessary in the preservation of individual historic properties that may be considered for demolition due to neglect or potential development. The Commission is comprised of 9 persons appointed by City Council with demonstrated interest or experience with history, historic preservation, architecture

and/ or planning or related fields. Additionally each locally designated historic district (Dunleath, College Hill and Fisher Park) must have at least one dedicated representative on the Commission.

To ensure that the representative for each local historic district has a vested interest in that specific area and can truly represent the interests of that area, the City is seeking a change to the Land Development Ordinance to clarify who can be considered as a representative of each local historic district. The proposed ordinance change will confirm that someone must either live in or own property in the local historic district that they wish to represent on the Historic Preservation Commission. In doing so this change will codify previous City practices related to historic district representatives and limit the potential for any confusion on representation in the future. Since there are currently only 3 locally designated historic districts other persons who do not live in or own property in one of these districts are still able to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

The proposed ordinance change will require anyone serving as the official representative of one of the three locally zoned historic districts to either reside in that district or own property in that district. This does not prevent persons who do not live in or own property in one of the locally zoned historic districts from being appointed to one of the other slots on the Historic Preservation Commission and simply codifies current City practices.

The Greensboro Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the text amendment at their November meeting and recommended approval of the amendment as presented (see minutes of November 15, 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting). There were no speakers in favor or against the amendment.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This item will have no budget impact.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council hold a public hearing and approve the ordinance amendment as presented.