

## AGENDA



Thursday, August 6, 2009

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 68**

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**Subject:** Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 11-1, Chapter 25-1, Chapter 25-2, and Chapter 25-11 relating to historic landmark tax exemptions, zoning, and enforcement.

**For More Information:** Steve Sadowksy, 974-6454; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by Zoning and Platting Commission and Planning Commission.

**Prior Council Action:** October 16, 2008 - Council directed the City Manager to initiate code amendments relating to tax exemptions for historic landmarks, historic landmark procedures, and demolition by neglect.

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On October 16, 2008, the City Council directed the City Manager to initiate code amendments to prohibit the demolition by neglect of historic structures, revise the Historic Landmark Commission voting requirements for historic zoning cases, amend Chapter 25-11 relating to historic zoning procedures, clarify

Section 11-1-22 relating to the property tax exemptions for historic landmarks, clarify the authority of the City Historic Preservation Office to administratively approve certain minor projects in historic districts, and amend Section 25-1-46 to provide for the review of applications for local historic districts by the appropriate Land Use Commission.

Neighborhood Planning and Zoning staff reviewed similar provisions from other cities including Dallas, Fort

Worth, and San Antonio and drafted an ordinance for review by the Operations Committee of the Historic Landmark Commission. The Operations Committee of the Historic Landmark Commission and the Landmark

Commission have recommended approval of the proposed amendments with the additional recommendation that the amount of property owner support required for the designation of a local historic district be reduced from the current 60% to 51%.