



City of Austin

Design Commission

DESIGN COMMISSION RESOLUTION 20201221-01E – Historic Design Standards

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WHEREAS, no city adopted Historic Design Standards exist today, leaving neighborhoods, home owners, and design professionals without the proper resources to guide them in the historical design and application process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic Design Standards are organized in a clear, easy-to-use, graphic format that both design professionals and home owners can understand; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic Design Standards will provide for clearer standards, making historical designations easier to attain and in a more equitable way; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic Design Standards will provide a more consistent and predictable review process for applicants, the Historic Landmark Commission, and city staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic Design Standards will serve to help maintain and preserve our historic resources, as directed in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Historic Design Standards will allow us to better preserve our cultural and historical assets as outlined in Austin Strategic Direction 2023; and

WHEREAS, historical preservation of built structures diverts construction materials from the landfill, thereby helping to achieve the city's adopted goal of Zero Waste by 2040, as outlined in the Austin Resource Recovery Masterplan; and

WHEREAS, historical preservation of built structures reduces the need for new building materials, thereby mitigating potential carbon emissions and helping to achieve the zero-emissions goal outlined in the Austin Community Climate Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Austin Design Commission supports the adoption of the proposed Historic Design Standards in that they will help the city meet its shared goals and provide for a more clear and equitable process.

Record of Vote: Motion by Commissioner Whatley, second by Commissioner Rollason. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Date of approval: December 21, 2020

Attest: 

David Carroll, Chair

