

SUMMARY OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE DRAFT

The current historic preservation regulations were adopted in 2004. These regulations established rules applicable to properties located within the Evergreen First Addition Historic District and to properties that are classified as local historical landmarks. Staff, has initiated a revision of the current historic preservation regulations in order to:

- *Make the regulations and review processes more clear, concise and understandable.*
- *Increase public participation in the decision-making process.*
- *Streamline the review process.*
- *Create incentives to encourage the adaptive reuse of historic landmarks.*

Some of the major items addressed in the proposed revision include:

- *Relocated the rules related to the establishment, membership and duties of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to the section of the Zoning Code which includes similar information on the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment.*
- *Broadened membership qualifications to assist in recruiting new members.*
- *Removed meeting rules from code and placed them in a set of bylaws to be reviewed and adopted by the HPC.*
- *Refined public notice and review criteria for Certificate of Appropriateness applications*
- *Removed the "Hardship Request" process by merging economic considerations into the Certificate of Appropriateness application review.*
- *Added a process by which City Council can consider a request to eliminate a Historic District or change the classification of a historic landmark.*
- *Added an Adaptive Reuse program which includes development incentives to encourage the continued economically feasible use of historic landmarks.*

City Staff would like to receive your input on the Historic Preservation Ordinance Draft. Please provide comments by May 20, 2016. Comments and or questions can be sent to Laura Blakeman, Planner at 520-421-8630 Ext. 3010 or laurab@cgaz.gov