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Item:

Revised Historic Properties Local Review Criteria (20min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: July 13, 2020

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to conduct a public hearing and receive public comments on the updated Historic Preservation Local Review Criteria, as amended by the City Council. The Interlocal Agreement between the City of Durham and Durham County requires that this document, which guides the Certificate of Appropriateness process of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), be approved by both governing bodies.

Motion: To adopt the revised Historic Properties Local Review Criteria

Summary. The HPC recommended approval by an 8-0 vote on March 3, 2020. The City Council approved by a 6-0 vote on June 15, 2020, on the condition that a criteria amendment permitting tree removal without a COA for the purpose of installing solar panels be reversed. The City Council is willing to revisit the proposed amendment once local advocacy groups, in coordination with the Environmental Affairs Board (EAB), reach an agreement over the merits of tree coverage versus solar panels. Targeted discussions on this topic began at the EAB's subsequent meeting on July 8, 2020.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Revised Historic Properties Local Review Criteria

Attachment 2: Revised HPC Rules of Procedure

Attachment 3: Extracts from revised Criteria relating to solar panels

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The updated Historic Properties Local Review Criteria emphasize Goal 4 (Community Prosperity) by offering fair and reasonable regulations for both residential and commercial property owners within local historic districts and local landmarks in Durham while adhering to Goal 5 (Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government) by maintaining a transparent government and welcoming public input. This updated document also addresses Goal 4 (Environmental Stewardship and Community Prosperity) through environmentally focused revisions around solar panels and driveways

Resource Persons: Karla Rosenberg, AICP, Senior Planner, and Sara Young, AICP, Interim Planning Director

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board conduct a public hearing on the proposed *Revised Historic Properties Local Review Criteria* and, if appropriate based on the comments received during the hearing, approve the proposed revisions.

County Manager: _____