

**Planning Commission – Public Hearing
January 15, 2014**

***Historic Landmark / Historic Preservation Zone
Text Amendment***



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Historic Landmark Background:

- Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission Plans Review Subcommittee identified problem

- Current HPZ designation standards are complex and unclear due to redundancy and formatting which prevents potential historical sites from being considered for landmark designation.

- Mayor and Council initiated the text amendment

- Land Use Code Committee reviewed the draft



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Proposed Revisions:

- Separate the requirements for establishing and amending Historic Preservation Zones (HPZ) and Historic Landmarks (HL)
- Define Eligibility Criteria and Design Guidelines for Historic Landmarks
- Emphasize simplicity and efficiency by consolidating process steps and submittal requirements
- Create rezoning fees for HL and HPZ designations



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Questions asked at PC Study Session:

- Have the local HPZ Advisory Boards been notified of the proposed text amendment?
- What is the benefit of linking Historic Landmark eligibility to the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places?
- How does the proposed text amendment streamline the current process?
- How is the HPZ designation process affected by the nomination proposal?
- What is the current fee schedule for HL designation?



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Summary:

The proposed revisions will provide:

- Separate HL rezoning process
- Designation criteria consistent with the National Register Standards
- Comprehensive HL application package

Recommendation:

•Staff Recommends that the Planning Commission forward the proposed text amendment to the Mayor and Council with a recommendation to revise the Historic Landmark rezoning process.



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