

Historic Resources Code Project

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES FOR HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY



The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is proposing changes to Portland's rules for documenting, designating, and protecting historic resources. The proposed zoning code changes are intended to better protect historic places for the use and enjoyment of the people of Portland—those here today and those who will be here tomorrow. Several of the proposals would affect the Historic Resource Inventory (HRI).

The 1984 Historic Resource Inventory logo.

What you need to know

THE NAMES WOULD CHANGE



Since 1984, Portland's Historic Resource Inventory has meant a classification of resource that has been documented for historic significance but not officially designated. The HRI includes Ranked (significant) and Unranked (interesting, but not significant) properties.

The proposed changes would recast the HRI as the City of Portland's full list of documented and designated historic resources. Ranked resources would be renamed Significant Resources. Unranked resources would be removed from the zoning code but would remain on the broader HRI for research purposes.

120-DAY DEMOLITION DELAY STAYS



Ranked resources on the HRI are subject to 120-day demolition delay. Although this category of resource would be renamed Significant Resource, the 120-day demolition delay regulation would remain.

The 1909 Page & Son Apartments is significant in part for its sidewalk arcade design response to the widening of East Burnside in 1926.

OWNER-INITIATED REMOVALS



Current rules allow owners of properties on the HRI to voluntarily remove their resources from the list. This undermines the usefulness of the HRI as a research and planning tool and it does not afford the community an opportunity to save significant resources that would have otherwise been subject to demolition delay if not removed by the owner. This owner opt-out allowance would be eliminated in the proposed changes.

The Marie and Ernest Thomas House, aka Mini Pittock Mansion, is architecturally significant but has not been designated.

UPDATES WILL OCCUR IN THE FUTURE



The HRI hasn't been updated since 1984. Proposed code changes would allow the HRI to be updated regularly, with final decisions on additions and removals made by the City Council. A historic resource survey of the Montavilla Main Street area will pilot technology and community process in 2019 to prepare for broader HRI updates.

Historic resources throughout East Portland have never been documented or evaluated for potential historic significance.

HOW TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Proposed zoning code changes are available for a two-month public review and comment period ending April 12, 2019. Following this review period, project staff will incorporate public feedback into a revised draft of the zoning code changes—the Proposed Draft. The Proposed Draft will be forwarded to the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) in summer 2019 for public hearings and deliberations before changes go to City Council. City Council will hold public hearings in fall 2019 before adopting code amendments.

Send comments by email to historic.resources@portlandoregon.gov

The proposed zoning code and more information are available on the project webpage: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/hrcp



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