Historic Resources Code Project

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED HISTORIC RESOURCE CLASSIFICATIONS

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 establish a more defined hierarchy of demolition and design protections based upon resource classification. To the extent allowed by Oregon law, the proposals would largely shift designation and protection decisions from the National Park Service to the City of Portland. The following is a list of the types of historic resources proposed in the code amendments.

HISTORIC LANDMARK

This type of significant designated resource may be an individual structure, site, tree, landscape, place, or other object that is of archaeological, architectural, historical, or cultural importance at the local, state, or national level. All individual National Register Resources listed before January 2017 are historic landmarks.

Demolition protections: Demolition Review (Type IV; Type II for accessory structures)

Design protections: Historic Resource Review

Listed by: City Council or Historic Landmarks Commission (owner consent required)

CONSERVATION LANDMARK

This type of significant designated resource may be an individual structure, site, landscape, place, or other object that is of archaeological, architectural, historical, or cultural importance at the district, neighborhood, or community level.

Demolition protections: Demolition Review (Type II; none for accessory structures)

Design protections: Clear and Objective Design Standards (most alterations) and Historic Resource Review (large alterations)

Listed by: City Council or Historic Landmarks Commission (owner consent required)

HISTORIC DISTRICT

This type of significant designated resource is a collection of individual resources that are, as a group, archaeologically, architecturally, historically, or culturally important at the local, state, or national level. All National Register districts listed before January 2017 are historic districts.

Demolition protections: Demolition Review (Type IV for contributing primary structures; Type II for contributing accessory structures)

Design protections: Historic Resource Review

Listed by: City Council (50%+1 owner consent required) or Historic Landmarks Commission (maximum 16 properties, 100% owner consent required)





CONSERVATION DISTRICT

This type of significant designated resource is a collection of individual resources that are, as a group, archaeologically, architecturally, historically, or culturally important at the district, neighborhood, or community level.

Demolition protections: Demolition Review (Type II for contributing primary structures; none for accessory structures)

Design protections: Clear and Objective Design Standards (most alterations and small new structures) and Historic Resource Review (large alterations and [possibly] large new structures)

Listed by: City Council (50%+1 owner consent required) or Historic Landmarks Commission (maximum 16 properties, 100% owner consent required)

NOTE: Not all structures in historic and conservation districts are historically significant. Some structures have been heavily altered. Others were built after a period of significance. These noncontributing structures are not subject to demolition protections but are subject to design protections.

NATIONAL REGISTER RESOURCE LISTED AFTER JANUARY 2017

This type of significant resource is a structure, object, site, or district that has been listed by the federal Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. State rules require local governments to apply demolition protections to National Register Resources.

Demolition protections: Demolition Review (Type IV for contributing primary structures; Type II for contributing accessory structures)

Design protections: None

Listed by: National Park Service (50%+1 owner consent required)

SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE

This type of undesignated resource has been determined to be significant for archaeological, architectural, historical, or cultural importance. A significant resource is generally a structure, site, object, place, or district that is deemed likely eligible for Historic Landmark, Conservation Landmark, Historic District, or Conservation District designation. This type of resource is currently called Ranked.

Demolition protections: 120-Day Demolition Delay

Design protections: None

Listed by: City Council (no owner consent required)

NOT SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE

This type of undesignated resource has been documented but not determined to be significant for archaeological, architectural, historical, or cultural importance. This type of resource is currently called Unranked.

Demolition protections: None

Design protections: None

Listed by: Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (no owner consent required)

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