



Historic Preservation Code Amendments

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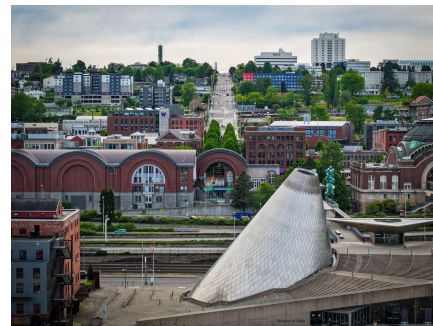
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BACKGROUND



Direction received from:

- Findings and recommendations from Historic District Moratorium (2023-25)
- Policies and priority actions in updated Comprehensive Plan (2025)
- Community workshops, commission feedback
- Directors Rules
- Legislative changes at state level



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POLICY GUIDANCE

General

- Revise nomination processes, including addition of inclusive criteria for nomination processes, clarification of commission roles, and incorporating changes to state law.

District Nomination Process

- Align historic district process with other zoning amendments

Design Review

- Consider ways to reduce burdens in residential districts (such as relaxed requirements)

Demolition Review

- Required changes per state law (compulsory nominations not permitted in most cases) and Director's Rules



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RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary of Recommendations

- Amend nomination process and criteria for local historic districts and individual City Landmarks (process, criteria)
- Exemptions for certain projects within residential historic districts
- Creation of a new Community Heritage Register
- Expansion of the Special Tax Valuation Program
- New owner consent requirements in compliance with changes to state law
- Incorporate mitigation guidance into the demolition review process



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Upcoming Schedule



Date	Action
October 14, 2025	First Reading
October 21, 2025	Final Reading
November 2, 2025	Effective Date
November 5, 2025	Expiration of Historic District Moratorium

View Draft Code, and Findings and Recommendations here:
<https://tacoma.gov/project/historic-preservation-code-update/>

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