

**Town of Lyons, Colorado  
Board of Trustees  
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet  
Agenda Item No: WORKSHOP  
Meeting Date: April 19, 2021**

**TO: Mayor Angelo and Members of the Board of Trustees**  
**FROM: Reyana Jones, Historic Preservationist/Planner**  
**DATE: April 19, 2021**  
**ITEM: WORKSHOP – Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance**

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 INFORMATION

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- I. **REQUEST OR ISSUE:** The HPC and Staff would like feedback from the Board of Trustees on the draft Historic Preservation Ordinance update.
- II. **RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEPS:** Discuss the draft ordinance with the HPC and Staff so any changes can be made prior to presentation to the Board for adoption.
- III. **FISCAL IMPACTS:** This is a workshop item, so there are no direct fiscal impacts. There are fees associated with the legal review of the proposed ordinance, but those costs were accounted for in the 2021 budget for the Historic Preservation Commission.

**IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Becoming a “Certified Local Government,” or “CLG,” with the State of Colorado allows municipalities to maintain their own local registers of designated historic places and opens access to special funding for those designated properties, for preservation planning efforts, and other preservation opportunities. For example, Colorado has the best state income tax credit rate for preservation projects in the country (as high as 35% of qualified costs), and locally designated historic property owners (both commercial and residential) can apply for those funds. Being a CLG also connects you to a state-wide network of preservationists in other CLGs and the experts with History Colorado.

As part of the requirements from the SHPO/History Colorado to become a Certified Local Government, a municipality must have a Historic Preservation Ordinance that meets certain requirements that the current Lyons ordinance does not meet. The HPC has been working on revising the “Basic” model ordinance provided by History Colorado; the “Basic” model takes the middle road between an aggressive preservation direction and a weak one. The HPC’s draft is attached.

One of the major differences between the existing and draft ordinances is that the HPC would assume some design review responsibilities to approve exterior alterations to designated Lyons Landmarks against the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation or the Treatment of Historic Properties and would serve in an advisory capacity for changes to buildings designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

It should be noted that changes to the historic preservation ordinance would also result in some needed changes to the description of the HPC under Chapter 2 of the municipal code (current code attached), where all of the different boards and commissions are listed, to make sure those sections are in alignment (e.g. the goals/purpose section).

**V. LEGAL ISSUES:** None.

**VI. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:** The Board of Trustees should discuss the draft ordinance with the HPC and advise Staff of any changes they would like to see applied to the draft.

Attachments:

1. Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance
2. Existing Historic Preservation Code