

**ordinance for consideration at Monday's meeting**

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**Mick**

I'm attaching a copy of the ordinance regarding demolition of historic structures we discussed last Monday. Amy and Com Dev developed this over the week in response to our interest in and agreement about preserving Post WW2 structures.

John W. has approved the language.

Chris B. mentioned after Monday's meeting that we should pass it as an emergency ordinance due to the sensitive nature of the topic. I agree.

We wouldn't want to discuss this and thereby encourage demolition and for the same reason, we wouldn't want a 30 day passage period as would be the case if we adopted it through a regular ordinance. Nor do we need a moratorium (or at least I don't) to discuss this as we already have an ordinance that outlines a method to preserve these structures and this simply beefs the existing legislation up. And as all of us agreed to the need for this we don't need a moratorium period to arrive at agreement.

So I agree with Chris that this is the best method to enact.

Staff will have a memo ready for us on Monday outlining their position.

Some notes for new council: Ordinary legislation takes 30 days to take effect. An emergency ordinance takes only 24 hours. It has first reading on one day and is considered for second reading on the second day and takes effect immediately upon passage. It requires a 4 person majority to be enacted instead of the ordinary 3.

With respect to the HP section of the LUC: We already have a section that covers this period. It just doesn't have teeth in my opinion. Also, we already have criteria by which to judge the significance of these structures. That hasn't changed. The criteria are outlined in the ordinance but you might want to take a look at the existing legislation. The section is 26.415 and related sections in the LUC.

If you've any questions, you may respond to me through email (but only two councilpersons can be in contact via email at one time without violating the open meetings laws, which is why I'm sending this to everyone independently) or you may phone me at 948-9874.

I would suggest you contact Amy or Chris or John though as I'm simply a conduit to get the ordinance before you for consideration. We can and will discuss this Monday and Tuesday if we choose to consider this.

I would remind everyone though that if we don't have four votes to pass this as an emergency ordinance then we ought not to bring it up at all as it will cause the very thing we are trying to prevent.

So, please let me know if you are unable to support this coming forward in this manner.

Regards