

ESTABLISHMENT, NAMING AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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Intent -- The City Council of the City of Pensacola recognizes that significant historical resources are the property of, or are located on property owned by, the City of Pensacola. It is the intent of the City Council, through this policy, to establish a procedure that will enable the citizens of the City of Pensacola to participate, to the maximum extent feasible, in the establishment, renaming, protection and preservation of these historical resources. Further, it is the council's intent to protect the historical resources of the City to the maximum extent feasible.

Process -- Any proposals or requests to name, rename, alter, establish, move or remove a qualifying historical resource that is the property of the city of Pensacola, or is located on property owned by the City of Pensacola, will be presented to the City Council of the City of Pensacola for consideration. The proposal may be made by individuals, organizations, City Council members, or the Mayor.

Any such proposal will be presented to the City Council for consideration and the proposal will be addressed as a regular agenda item of the Council. The Council may request a recommendation from the Mayor prior to final action. Additionally, the City Council may require one or more public meetings to discuss the proposal.

Notwithstanding the above, the City Council shall not take final action on any proposal under this policy until a minimum of thirty calendar days from the date the item is first introduced to City Council.

Criteria -- To determine whether a resource is a qualifying historical resource the following criteria will be applied: (*)

1. Districts, sites, buildings, structures, objects, and streets may be considered to have significance in Pensacola or American history, if they possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, or workmanship, feeling and association, and:
 - a) are associated with events that made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; and/or
 - b) are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; and/or
 - c) embody the distinctive characteristics of type or period; and/or
 - d) have yielded or may be likely to yield information important in our history.

2. Ordinarily historical resources that have achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered historical resources for the purposes of this policy. However, such resources will qualify if they are an integral part of districts or areas that do meet the criteria, or if the city Council acts to make an exception to these criteria.

(*) The above criteria are adapted from the criteria used for listing sites and properties on the National Register of Historic Places. These criteria are also used by the Florida Department of State, State Historic Preservation Officer in evaluating properties for eligibility for listing in the National Register.

Protection -- through this policy, the City Council will provide protection to historical resources owned by, or located on property owned by, the City of Pensacola, in the following manner:

1. Any qualifying resource shall be protected from any vandalism, disfigurement, or defacement by virtue of existing ordinances of the City or applicable State laws, or any appropriate ordinances or State laws which may be adopted in the future.
2. No qualifying resource shall be significantly altered, moved, or removed, except in accordance with the process identified in Section 2, above.
3. No resource shall be designated as a qualifying historical resource except in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 3, above.

PROCEDURE FOR NAMING STREETS, BUILDINGS, PARKS OR OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OR STRUCTURES IN HONOR OF NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS – Adopted by Council Action August 28, 1997; Amended by Resolution August 21, 2010 effective Noon, January 10, 2011

The following procedure was adopted by the City Council for the naming of streets, buildings, parks or other public places or structures in honor of national, state and local leaders:

- The recognition of individuals, whether at the local, state or national level, can often involve the naming of public facilities, structures or streets for these individuals. It is understood that this type of recognition should be given to someone who has shown a significant commitment to the public good either through sustained service to the community or by the performance of a single act which merits recognition. Consideration for recognition shall be made without reference to race, religion, ethnic origin or gender.
- Any proposals for the naming of public facilities controlled by the City of Pensacola will be presented to the City Council. These proposals may be made by the City Council members, the Mayor or individuals. The Council will consider these requests and may solicit a recommendation from the Mayor prior to council action.