

Memorandum

File #: 16-00318

City Council

1/12/2017

# **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council President Brian Spencer

## SUBJECT:

PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 12-12-5 (BUILDING PERMITS) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE - HISTORIC BUILDING DEMOLITION REVIEW

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council conduct the first of two public hearings on January 12, 2017 to consider an amendment to the Land Development Code, Section 12-12-5 (Building Permits), by including Historic Building Demolition Review.

AGENDA: Regular

HEARING REQUIRED: Public

#### SUMMARY:

Currently the Land Development Code (LDC) only affords an application and review process for the issuance of demolition permits for those areas within a historic district or other similarly designated areas requiring such review. Given the steep history throughout the City of Pensacola, a desire exists to provide a review process citywide regarding the issuance of demolition permits for historic structures as defined in the LDC.

In July of 2016, the City Council directed the Planning Board to review the LDC in this regard. Through a series of meetings and workshops, the Planning Board has provided a recommended amendment to the LDC, Section 12-12-5.

At the September 15, 2016 City Council Meeting, City Council passed, on 2nd reading an ordinance providing for a 180-day moratorium on the issuance of demolition permits for historic structures as defined in the LDC as well as any structure built in 1916 or prior, providing that nothing within the ordinance shall prohibit the Building Official from abating or ordering the demolition of any unsafe structure in accordance with International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by Section 14-1-139 of the Code of the City of Pensacola.

## **PRIOR ACTION:**

July 14, 2016 - City Council referred to Planning Board for their review and recommendation a Historic

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Building Demolition Review Ordinance PRIOR ACTION: (Cont'd)

August thru November - Planning Board discussed at regular meetings as well as workshops to provide a proposed amendment to the Land Development Code

September 15, 2016 - Ordinance No. 27-16 imposing a temporary moratorium on issuance of demolition permits for Historic Structures passed on 2nd reading

#### FUNDING:

N/A

# FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

# **STAFF CONTACT:**

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## ATTACHMENTS:

1) Historic Building Demolition Review

PRESENTATION: No