



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#20-0244**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** March 3, 2020

**TITLE:** Ordinance Amending Section 47-27.8 of the Unified Land Development Regulations, Modifying the Notice Procedures for Public Hearings; Planning and Zoning Board Case No. PLN-ULDR-19120001– **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt an ordinance amending section 47-27.8. of the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to include a notice requirement for a waiver application. The proposed ordinance was approved on first reading at the regular City Commission meeting held on February 18, 2020.

**Background**

On July 10, 2018, the City Commission asked for recommendations regarding potential amendments to the City's historic preservation ordinance. Following this conference meeting staff outlined a three-phased approach to amending the historic preservation ordinance and identifying potential incentives to enhance historic preservation efforts.

As part of phase one, staff focused on key amendments to the ULDR that streamline the historic application review and approval process, allowing staff to process certain applications administratively resulting in greater efficiencies and providing applicants with a greater level of clarity regarding individually designated properties or those within a designated historic district. The amendments were approved by the City Commission on September 12, 2019.

As part of phase two, staff developed several recommendations for historic preservation incentives. An initial incentive through an amendment to the ULDR to allow for parking reductions and exemptions for adaptive reuse projects for historic resources was approved by the City Commission on October 2, 2019.

The proposed amendments attached hereto as Exhibit 1 add a requirement for notice of a historic preservation waiver application. The notice requirement is the same as is required for a Certificate of Appropriateness application which requires email notice to the applicant and property owner. Additionally, the title of this section is proposed to be

changed from “Certificate of appropriateness and economic hardship exception” to “Notice requirements for certificates of appropriateness, waivers, and economic hardship.”

At its January 15, 2020, meeting the PZB recommended approval of the proposed amendment with a vote of 8-0. Meeting minutes are provided as Exhibit 2 and the PZB staff report is provided as Exhibit 3.

### **Public Outreach**

City staff informed interested parties as well as sent a memorandum to the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations informing the community about the proposed amendments on November 21, 2019. The communication is provided on page 20 of Exhibit 3.

### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City associated with this action.

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *Fiscal Year 2020 Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Management Agenda, advancing the Business Development initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build an attractive global and local economic community marketplace
- Objective: Create a responsive and proactive business climate to attract emerging industries

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

### **Related CAMs**

CAM 20-0242 and CAM 20-0243

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

Exhibit 2 – January 15, 2020, PZB Minutes

Exhibit 3 – January 15, 2020, PZB Staff Report and Exhibits

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