EFFORTS TO DATE

1. Research

2. Reconnaissance Survey
   - Individual buildings, landscapes, sites, objects, historic districts
   - All resources built up to 1970
   - Evaluation against National Register, California Register, and local (City of Arcadia) criteria
   - Re-evaluated all previously surveyed properties

3. Historic Context Statement

4. Intensive Survey – Analysis and Documentation
Community Meetings were held on October 13 and December 1, 2016 to obtain feedback from residents and the public on the development of an Ordinance.

Council Study Session held in February 2017 to direct preparation of Historic Preservation Ordinance.


In response to concern/confusion, a detailed Fact Sheet was published and made available in March 2018.
Three Major Changes proposed to the Draft Ordinance:

- Do NOT include eligible potential historic districts in the Ordinance. A neighborhood could still form a District, but the original 11 eligible Districts have been removed.

- The Ordinance would only protect resources that have been identified as individually eligible for listing.

- The City Council would need a Super Majority (4-1) to overturn any decision to nominate an individual property.
Draft HP Ordinance

- First Historic Preservation Ordinance for Arcadia

- The Ordinance would only protect 176 resources that were identified as individually eligible for listing at the federal, state, and/or local level.

176 Potential Resources

- 164 Individual Buildings
  - 126 Residential Buildings
  - 17 Commercial Buildings
  - 21 Public/Private Institutional Buildings
- 12 Non-Building Resources

- The Planning Commission would act as the Historic Preservation Commission
PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF A RESOURCE

- The property was found potentially eligible for listing in the National Register, California Register, or as a local landmark.
  - Does **NOT** mean it has been officially designated.
  - An evaluation is required to confirm significance.
Type of Alteration:

- **Major alterations** such as additions to home, modifications to front elevation, etc. – Planning Commission review.

- **Minor alterations** such as window change-outs, minor façade work, work in rear not visible from right-of-way – City staff review.
DESIGNATING RESOURCES (optional process)

- If a property is submitted for designation, the process includes:
  1. Application is submitted
  2. Owner consent obtained or requested
  3. Planning Commission review (as Historic Review Commission)
  4. City Council review and adoption (Super Majority of 4-1 needed to override if owner does not consent)

- The property may also be eligible for certain incentives, including participation in the Mills Act program.
PROCESS OF CREATING A HISTORIC DISTRICT

Designation Process

First, the district must be determined eligible:

✔ Meets eligibility criteria
✔ 60%+ of properties contribute to historic significance

Designation procedures

1. Application
2. Consent of 75%+ of owners in proposed district
3. Planning Commission review
4. City Council review and approval
MILLS ACT PROGRAM

• Statewide property tax reduction program that is administered and implemented by local governments.

• Only designated historic properties are eligible to apply. Usually a 10 year contract is created.

• Recommendation is to allow Mills Act participation and begin as pilot project, accepting a small number of applications. Once impacts are known (financially, staff resources, level of interest) a formal program will be proposed.
PLANNING COMMISSION ROLE

- Forward a recommendation to the City Council
- All correspondence will be forwarded to the City Council

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