

§ 10-4.101. Short title.

This chapter shall be known as the "preservation ordinance."
(§ 2, Ord. 2554 c.s., eff. August 31, 1989)

§ 10-4.102. Purpose and intent.

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of historic resources such as building, structures, sites, places and districts within the City that reflect special elements of the City's architectural, artistic, cultural, historical, political, and social heritage for the following reasons:

- (a) To safeguard the City's heritage by encouraging the protection of landmarks representing significant elements of its history;
- (b) To foster civic and neighborhood pride and a sense of identity based on an appreciation of the City's past and the recognition and use of historic resources;
- (c) To enhance the visual character of the City by preserving diverse architectural styles reflecting phases of the City's history and by encouraging complementary contemporary design and construction;
- (d) To strengthen the economy of the City by protecting and enhancing the City's attractions to residents, tourists, and visitors;
- (e) To stabilize and improve property values within the City by recognizing historic landmarks and by protecting areas of historic buildings from encroachment by incompatible designs;
- (f) To promote the enjoyment and use of historic resources appropriate for the education and recreation of the people of the City;
- (g) To integrate the preservation of historic resources and the extraction of relevant data from such resources into public and private land management and development processes;
- (h) To conserve valuable material and energy resources by ongoing use and maintenance of the existing built environment; and
- (i) To take whatever steps are reasonable and necessary to safeguard the property rights of owners whose property is declared to be a landmark or is located in an historic district.

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