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L.4. RIVIERA VILLAGE SUMMER FESTIVAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION HANDOUTS

- **Handouts for the Riviera Village Summer Festival Historic Preservation booth, created by Planning Department**

Historic Preservation in Redondo Beach

The City of Redondo Beach Historic Preservation Program promotes the identification and protection of resources that reflect our architectural and coastal heritage. It helps maintain neighborhood character, strengthen civic identity, and support sustainability through long-term reinvestment.

01 Why Historic Preservation Matters

- **Community Character:** Historic buildings create memorable neighborhoods.
- **Economic Benefits:** Preservation may stabilize and increase property values.
- **Sustainability:** Reusing buildings conserves energy and materials.
- **Civic Pride:** Connects the community to its rich history.



02 Benefits of Historic Designation

- **Mills Act:** Property tax incentive program may reduce property taxes by 50%.
- **Building Code:** Use of the California Historical Building Code.
- **Protection:** Safeguards against incompatible alterations.
- **Recognition:** Increased neighborhood pride and technical assistance.



03 The Landmark Designation Process

1. **Owner Nomination:** Applications initiated by property owners.
2. **Staff Evaluation:** City staff evaluates eligibility and significance.
3. **PAC Review:** Public Amenities Commission conducts a hearing.



04 Landmark Criteria

- **Historic Significance:** Reflects important history.
- **Architectural Style:** Distinctive styles or methods.
- **Notable Associations:** Linked to significant persons.



05 Historic Myths

- **Myth:** "I can never change my house." **Fact:** Preservation allows compatible additions and alterations.
- **Myth:** "Preservation is only for grand mansions." **Fact:** Modest homes, commercial buildings, and cultural landmarks all contribute to Redondo Beach's history and may be historically significant.
- **Myth:** "Old buildings are inefficient." **Fact:** Reuse is often more sustainable than new construction.





What Is the Mills Act?



The Mills Act is a California program that was established in 1972 to encourage the preservation of historic properties by providing property tax incentives to owners of designated historic landmarks. In exchange for maintaining and preserving a historic property, owners may qualify for a reduction in their annual property taxes.



Benefits of the Mills Act

- Potential reduction in annual property taxes by up to 50%.
- Helps offset the cost of maintaining a historic property.
- Encourages investment in historic homes and buildings.
- Preserves the unique character and history of the community.



Who Is Eligible?

Properties may be eligible if they are designated as a local historic landmark, retain their historic character, and meet the City's preservation requirements. Both residential and commercial historic properties may qualify.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I add to a Mills Act property? Yes, additions are permitted if they are placed at the rear or in a location that does not negatively impact the historic integrity of the structure.

Are Mills Act agreements transferable? Yes, these agreements are automatically transferable to new property owners.

How long is the contract term? The contract is for a minimum of 10 years and is automatically renewed each year.

Are there maintenance requirements? Owners must maintain the property to ensure it is in good condition and repairs preserve the building.