

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

DATE: May 20, 2104

AGENDA ITEM NO. 27

Consent Agenda ☐

Regular Agenda ☐

Public Hearing ☒

County Administrator's Signature:

**Subject:**

Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 146 of the Pinellas County Code, Historic Preservation Regulations.

**Department:**

Planning & Development Services

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Jacob Stowers, Interim Executive Director

**Recommended Action:**

I RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOARD) RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146 OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY CODE, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REGULATIONS.

**Summary Explanation/Background:**

In 1992, based on adopted policy direction in the Comprehensive Plan, the Board adopted a Historic Preservation Chapter (Chapter 146) as part of its Land Development Code. The purpose was to provide greater focus on the preservation and protection of historic and archaeological resources in unincorporated Pinellas County.

Chapter 146 was revised in 2012 to create a Historic Preservation Board (HPB), strengthening the County's commitment to historic preservation (and laying the groundwork for becoming a Certified Local Government with specific historic preservation duties). Among the duties of the HPB is the authority to review and recommend to the Board the designation of significant historic resources as a local landmark and landmark site.

Included in Section 146-6 of the Code are the specific review criteria which must be met in order for a historic resource to be eligible for designation as a landmark and landmark site. Currently in those provisions, in order for an *archaeological resource* to be eligible for this local designation by the Board, it must first be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This same stringent requirement does not, however, apply to other historic or cultural resources seeking designation as a landmark or landmark site.

At their December 2013 meeting, this extra requirement came up during discussion of several different sites that the HPB may wish to have designated as a landmark, including the Yat Kitischee archaeological site. The HPB subsequently concluded that applying a stricter requirement to the designation of archaeological resources was an unnecessary restriction, and recommended that Chapter 146 be amended to delete this requirement. With this direction, staff prepared the attached amendatory ordinance proposing to delete Sec 146-6(f). This amendment will allow for historic and archaeological resources to be treated the same, and to be reviewed against the same criteria, when it comes to eligibility for designation as a landmark or landmark site. Both the Local Planning Agency (LPA) and County staff recommend approval of the amendment by the Board.

**Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:**

N/A

**Exhibits/Attachments Attached:**

1. Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 146 of the Pinellas County Code, (strike through/underline version and clean version)
2. County Staff Report and LPA Recommendation

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 146 of the Pinellas County Code,  
(strike through/underline version and clean version)

**STRIKE-THROUGH/UNDERLINE**  
**Version of the Ordinance**

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**WHEREAS**, in 1992, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 92-7, the Historic Preservation Ordinance, to recognize, preserve, and protect the historical and archeological resources of unincorporated Pinellas County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historic Preservation Ordinance, subsequently codified as Chapter 146 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, included criteria for local designation of historic and archaeological resources in order to recognize their local historic significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners amended the Historic Preservation Code in 2012 which, among other amendments, renamed the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Advisory Board to the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board; and

**WHEREAS**, at their meeting in December of 2013, the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board ascertained that the criteria contained within Chapter 146 of the Code for designating an archaeological resource as a local landmark was more restrictive than for other historic resources by requiring that the archaeological resource must first be listed on the National Register of Historic Places in order to be eligible for landmark designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board subsequently determined that imposing this additional restriction on the designation of archaeological sites as a landmark was unnecessarily restrictive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board therefore recommended that the designation criteria in Chapter 146 of the Code be amended to remove the requirement that archaeological resources must first be listed on the National Register of Historic Places in order to be eligible for landmark designation; and

**WHEREAS**, Pinellas County staff have reviewed the proposed amendment to delete the restriction regarding the designation of archeological resources and agrees the additional restriction is un-necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pinellas County Local Planning Agency (LPA) held a public hearing on April 10, 2014 to receive public comment on this proposed amendment to Chapter 146, the Historic Preservation Code, and determined that the proposed amendment is consistent with the adopted goals, objectives, and policies of the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida in regular meeting duly assembled on this day \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ 2014, that:

**SECTION 1.** Section 146-6. The Local Designation of Historic Resources section is hereby amended to read, as follows:

Sec. 146-6. Local Designation of Historic Resources

(a) *Designation of Landmark and Landmark Site*

(1) *Initiation of designation process.* The designation process may be initiated by the owner(s), or their appointed agent(s), or the County Planning Director with consent of the owner (s) by filing an application for designation in a form provided by the county planning department. The historic resource database shall be used as the initial database when considering the designation of historic resources as a landmark and landmark site. Each request for designating a landmark shall include a request for the designation of a landmark site.

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a. *Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board's review and recommendation.* The Historic Preservation Board shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed designation within 60 days of the submission of a completed application. Notice of the public hearing and notice to the owners shall state clearly the boundaries for the proposed landmark or landmark site. After evaluating the testimony, survey information and other material presented at the public hearing, the Historic Preservation Board shall make a recommendation on the proposed designation. The Historic Preservation Board may vote to defer its decision if adequate information is not available to make a decision but shall reconsider the application at the earliest opportunity after adequate information is made available. County staff shall notify the applicant and the property owner of the Historic Preservation Board's recommendation.

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*(b) Designation of Historic District*

- (1) Development of an application to designate a historic district shall involve owners of property within the proposed historic district and any interested citizens.
- (2) Initiation of designation process. The historic preservation overlay district shall be used to designate historic districts in unincorporated areas of the county. The zoning designation process may be initiated by the owners of the property within the proposed district, their appointed agents, or the Planning Director. Initiation of the zoning designation process shall require the consent of the property owners of at least two-thirds of the parcels located within the proposed district. The historic resource database shall be consulted when considering the designation of a historic district.
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- (4) The Historic Preservation Board shall review and make a recommendation on a proposal to apply the historic preservation overlay district using the process in section 146-6(a)(2). The Historic Preservation Board recommendation shall be provided to both the Local Planning Agency and the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration when making decisions on the proposed historic district designation.

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Revised 4/2/14

**CLEAN VERSION of the Ordinance**

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APPROVED AS TO FORM  
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

By   
Attorney

# **ATTACHMENT 2**

County Staff Report and LPA Recommendation

# **LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY (LPA) RECOMMENDATION to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



## **Regarding: A Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 146, the Historic Preservation Provisions, of the Pinellas County Land Development Code**

**LPA Recommendation:** The LPA finds that the proposed Ordinance amending the Historic Preservation Provisions is consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan and recommends the amendments be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. (The vote was in favor, 4-0)

**LPA Report No. LDR 7-3-14**

**Public Hearing Date: April 10, 2014**

### **PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the LPA find the proposed amendments to the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Code (Chapter 146 of the County Code) to be consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan, based on the findings of this report.

Staff further recommends that the LPA recommend adoption of the proposed amendments to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.

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### **Background**

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## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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Staff finds that the proposed amendment to the Land Development Code, at a minimum, is consistent with the following objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan:

### **Recreation, Open Space Element:**

- 5.3. OBJECTIVE: The County shall continue to identify, protect and preserve historic and archaeological resources in Pinellas County, including coastal areas. Particular emphasis will be given to increasing the interpretation and appreciation of such resources.
- 5.3.1. Policy: By December 2010, the County shall update the 1994 countywide inventory of historic and archaeological resources. The findings will be utilized to identify potentially significant local, state and national register eligible historic and archaeological resources in the County. The inventory may be further revised as needed, based upon information that meets acceptable professional criteria for identifying these resources.
- 5.3.5. Policy: Pinellas County shall continue to provide for the protection, preservation, and appropriate use of historically significant housing, structures, and archaeological resources through implementation of the historic preservation and comprehensive zoning chapters of the Pinellas County Land Development Code.
- 5.3.10. Policy: Pinellas County shall promote the protection, preservation, or sensitive adaptive reuse of historic and archaeological resources located in coastal areas and provide public access where appropriate and possible.
- 5.3.12. Policy: Pinellas County shall continue to recognize, preserve, protect, and interpret archaeological and historic sites and buildings that are listed on the official National Register, or are of local historical significance within County parks and environmental lands.
- 5.3.22 Policy: Pinellas County shall develop strategies for documenting under-recorded historical and archaeological resources by emphasizing the documentation of linear resources (e.g. canals, railroads, historic road segments), by coordinating with local genealogical and historical societies to conduct surveys of historic cemeteries and unmarked graves in future cultural resource surveys, and by developing contexts for these resources to accurately assess their historic significance.
- 5.4 OBJECTIVE: Pinellas County shall develop cooperative ventures with State and local municipalities and shall develop a collaborative countywide educational system to promote historic preservation programs in Pinellas County.
- 5.4.2 Policy: Pinellas County shall consider developing strategies for updating

documentation for existing National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) sites.

- 5.4.4 Policy: Pinellas County shall assist National Register nominations of eligible historic resources as evaluated by State Historic Preservation Office.
- 5.4.5 Policy: Pinellas County shall develop a countywide historic preservation toolbox that would guide owners of historic properties on the availability of local programs and incentives that would help preserve and promote historic properties in Pinellas County.
- 5.4.13 Policy: Pinellas County shall support the activities, policies and programs of the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Advisory Board.