

ORDINANCE NO. 15006

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 39 - 2012

INTRODUCED BY

JUNE 20, 2012

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Historic Districts Ordinance by including among the review criteria reference to Guidelines for Historic Districts, Restoring, Maintaining, and Preserving the Old Allentown, Old Fairgrounds, and West Park Historic Districts.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN

SECTION ONE: That Article 1391 Historic Districts, Section 1391.10, Criteria for Issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness, be amended to read as follows:

1391.10 CRITERIA FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

In determining the recommendations to be presented to the Council concerning the issuing of a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing a permit for the erection, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition, or razing of all or part of any building or structure within the limits of the historic districts, the HARB shall consider the following criteria below and matters: the Guidelines for Historic Districts: Restoring, Maintaining and Preserving the Old Allentown, Old Fairgrounds, and West Park Historic Districts, dated June 25, 2012. These guidelines may be periodically updated by the HARB and approved by resolution of City Council.

A. Review Criteria

- 1 The effect of the proposed changes upon the general historic and architectural nature of the district.
2. The appropriateness of exterior architectural features which can be seen from a public street or way only.
3. The general design, arrangement, texture, ~~and material~~, and color (only when integral to a product such as shingles or siding, but not including paint color) of the building or structure and the relation of such factors to similar features of buildings, structures, or sites in the district.
4. Any matter pertinent to the preservation of the historic aspect and nature of the district. (12314 §1 9/6/78)

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Joe Davis	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Mike Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on July 18, 2012 and signed by the Mayor on July 24, 2012.



CITY CLERK

Ordinance: Amending the Historic Districts Ordinance by including the use and periodic revision of design guidelines for the City's historic districts.

- What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

Bureau of Planning and Zoning and Historic Architectural Review Board.

- Summary and Facts of the Bill:

The proposed amendment includes, the use and revision of design guidelines into the Historic District Ordinance providing assistance to the Historic Architectural Review Board in decision making and to property owners in pursuing alterations consistent with the intent of the Historic Districts.

- Purpose

- What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish?
- What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this.
- How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

The bill will amend the City's Historic District Ordinance by including the Design Guidelines into the Historic Architectural Review Board's (HARB) review process. This will assist the HARB in its decision making and provide guidance to property owners as they plan and design projects.

There is a modification to one of the review criteria permitting the inclusion of color when it is an integral part of a product such as shingles or siding. Paint color will continue to be outside of HARB's review. This modification was proposed as part of the design guideline update.

- Financial Impact

- Cost: N/A

- Benefits (initial and ongoing):

There are initial and ongoing benefits to both the HARB and the districts' property owners, by facilitating a basis for decision making for the Board, and providings insights for property owners as to what may be included within a successful application for Certificates of Appropriateness.

- Funding Sources

Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around:

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any:

Council's review and adoption will provide the culmination of what has been a thoughtful and successful program. The grant funding closes out at the end of July and this would be its final activity.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

The inclusion into the Historic Districts Ordinance and use of the design guidelines will improve the City's architectural review program.