

MOTION

The City is home to many historically significant properties throughout its communities. Many of these properties were built in periods of significance dating back to the City's founding, through its periods of expansive growth, and through modern periods of innovation.

On occasion, there are instances wherein a historically significant property is set for demolition, and the Council must introduce a Motion to put a stay on demolition until the building's historic significance can be vetted by the Cultural Heritage Commission, for potential designation as a Historic-Cultural Monument.

The City's Administrative Code is silent on the period of time between a Motion's introduction and subsequent Council action, and thus technically may allow for a demolition to occur while a Historic-Cultural Monument designation is pending Council review. This loophole needs to be corrected.

Section 91.106.4.5.1 of the Administrative Code (Ordinance No. 185270), which became effective January 20, 2018, however, requires the Department of Building and Safety to notify by mail, the Council District office of the site regarding the proposed demolition of a building or structure that is 45 years or older, at least 30 days prior to the issuance of the demolition or building structure permit. The notification requirements of the ordinance need to be expanded from 30 to 60 days in an effort to provide as much notice as possible to all interested community members and/or stakeholders.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney, to report on the feasibility of the preparation of an Ordinance to amend all relevant sections of the Administrative Code to expand the definition of *initiation* of the designation of a historic-cultural monument to include the introduction of a Motion by a Member of the Council.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Department Building and Safety, in consultation with the City Attorney, to prepare and present an Ordinance to increase the notification requirements from 30 days to 60 days prior to the issuance of a demolition or structure permit for a building or structure that is 45 years or older based on the date the application is submitted.

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