# Littleton Colorado Presentation and Discussion on Draft ULUC Historic Preservation Regulations

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## Background

### **Littleton's Historic Preservation Program**

- 2 Littleton Historic Districts
  - Main Street Historic District
  - Louthan Heights Historic District (5600 block)
- Over 60 structures designated under the program
- Historical Preservation Board
  - makes recommendations to city council on landmark designations and historic districts
  - make recommendations on National Register Properties
  - approves alterations to designated property
  - undertake historic building surveys, planning efforts, walking tours

## Background

### **Historic Preservation Code of 2002**

- Sets forth regulations for historic landmark designation, district designation
- Criteria for alterations
- Criteria for demolitions
- Incentives for preservation



## Background



#### **Historic Preservation Code Update**

- In the Draft ULUC
- Integrated into zoning and subdivision regulations
- Streamline processes
- Clarify approval criteria
- Establish a Littleton Legacy Program

# HPB Involvement in the Historic Preservation Code Update

#### **Reviewed:**

- Reviewed codes from other Colorado communities
- Reviewed the Colorado Model Code

#### Made Recommendations on:

- Criteria for historic landmarks
- Criteria for historic districts
- Criteria for alterations of designated historic properties
- Littleton Legacy Program



# **Draft Regulations**

### Designation of Historic Landmarks

- Properties must be at least 40 years of age, or the property has significant historic significance
- Use of the National Register Criteria
- Historic Districts must have at least 50 percent contributing properties
- Non-consensual designation is allowed, but overwhelming significance to the community must be established



 Property must have historic significance

> Meaning association with an event, person, or is an example of an architectural style

• AND Property must have enough integrity to reflect the historic significance

## **Draft Regulations**

### Alterations – Certificates of Appropriateness

- City approval required for exterior alterations
- Staff level and board level applications
- Criteria based on
  - Compatibility
  - Preservation of historic fabric
  - Require repairs when possible, over replacement



# **DRAFT REGULATONS**



### **Littleton Legacy List**

- Establishes that there may be a list of significant historic properties that are not yet designated
- Acts as the list to be used for planning purposes
- Promotes Littleton's Historic Resources and the city's program

# Questions

