



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

RESOLUTION

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The City of Allentown's Historic District Guidelines 2022

Introduced by the Administration on February 16, 2022

WHEREAS, The City of Allentown understands that the irreplaceable historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural heritage of this Commonwealth should be preserved and protected for the benefit of all the people, including future generations, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Allentown is a Certified Local Government and is required to adopt and apply illustrated design guidelines when reviewing applications for certificates of appropriateness and other permits/approval for locally designated historic properties, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Allentown Guidelines for Historic Districts were last amended in 2012 and The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office "Principles and Standards for Design Guidelines in Pennsylvania Communities" recommends design guidelines be reviewed and updated regularly, and;

WHEREAS, the updated guidelines more accurately reflect the communities shared design ethic, desired future conditions, and serve to enhance the Historical Architectural Review Boards ability to reach consistent and defensible decisions about design issues and proposed changes by addressing a broader scope of activities and relevant issues within the community, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Allentown initiated a public process through which residents, property owners, community stakeholders and other interested parties could comment and participate, and;

WHEREAS, on February 7th, 2022, the Allentown HARB recommended approval of the new Historic District Guidelines as written, and;

WHEREAS, after reviewing the attached document and hearing the presentation from Easton Architects, LLC, it is the opinion of City Council that the proposed Historic District Guidelines are appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Allentown Pennsylvania ENDORSES the adoption of the new Historic District Guidelines into the Historic District Ordinance.