



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CODES & PROCESSES REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

The City of Fort Collins is working with Clarion Associates to review the codes and processes of the city's historic preservation program. The project will document specific topic area's strengths and weaknesses and provide recommendations for improvements. A final comprehensive report will identify existing code sections and related processes that support the policies confirmed during the previous review in 2012-2014, and will identify those that need improvement, with accompanying implementation strategies. The report will include supporting evidence for conclusions reached; and will provide recommendations for promoting best practices, with strong rationales for why each existing or proposed strategy is the best practice for Fort Collins. The project will focus on the following four topics:

1. Landmark Designation
2. Design Review and Compatible Infill in Historic Districts
3. Development Review and Infill
4. Demolition/Alteration, Dangerous Conditions, and Demolition by Neglect

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

As part of our initial outreach, we would like to hear from the Community Advisory Committee stakeholders about the strengths and weaknesses of these specific topics related to historic preservation in Fort Collins. We have developed a short list of questions for your consideration on the following pages. **Please feel free to respond to all of the questions, or just those for which you have feedback.** You can also simply use this questionnaire to start thinking about the issues we will be discussing at the Community Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 12. If you choose to complete the questionnaire, please submit your responses to Lisa Steiner (contact information below) by the end of July.

ABOUT CLARION ASSOCIATES

Clarion Associates is a national land use firm with offices in Denver, Colorado, and Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Our team works with communities large and small to develop policies and regulations that respond to local issues and needs. We have extensive experience preparing preservation ordinances, development codes, design standards, and comprehensive plans. We have also completed numerous reports and studies on preservation in Colorado and nationwide. Please visit: www.clarionassociates.com.

CONTACT

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LANDMARK DESIGNATION

1. How do you feel that the landmark designation process is working? Are there any issues that you have identified with the process?

2. Are the regulations ([Article II](#), Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code) governing the designation process clear? If not, how could they be improved?

DESIGN REVIEW AND COMPATIBLE INFILL IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS

3. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 = not well and 10 = very well), how well is the design review process ([Article III](#), Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code) resulting in compatible new development within designated local historic districts (Old Town, Sheely Drive, Whitcomb Street)? Please explain below.

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4. Are the standards clear to determine compatibility of changes to landmarks or properties in historic districts? If not, how could they be improved?

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND INFILL

5. What parts of the development review process work well? Are the standards ([Section 3.4.7](#) of the Land Use Code) clear and objective?

6. How can the “area of adjacency” process be improved?

DEMOLITION/ALTERATION, DANGEROUS CONDITIONS, AND DEMOLITION BY NEGLIGENCE

7. How is the demolition/alteration review process working? Are the regulations that govern the demolition/alteration review process ([Article IV](#), Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code) clear?

8. Are there any issues to note related to the enforcement of dangerous conditions or demolition by neglect?

OTHER ISSUES

9. Are there any other substantive issues you’d like to discuss or highlight?