

RESOLUTION 9-A-19

A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE LIST OF CONTRIBUTING STRUCTURES IN THE BLACKSBURG HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT AND OTHER CHANGES REGARDING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, SIGNAGE, REVIEW CRITERIA AND PARKING IN THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Blacksburg Town Council established the Blacksburg Historic Overlay District (the “District”) in 1999 with Ordinance 1222 to recognize that certain buildings, structures and sites within the District have important historic, architectural, archaeological, or cultural interest;

WHEREAS, as part of establishing the District, a list of Contributing Structures was adopted;

WHEREAS, policies in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan state that the Town will support and promote the Blacksburg Historic District as both a cultural resource and an economic development tool and that the Town will work with property owners to upgrade and renovate buildings in the District, including adaptive reuse options that support the goals of the District;

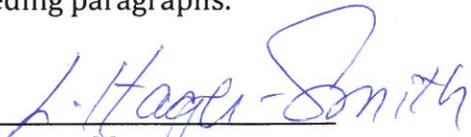
WHEREAS, professional surveys of the District and its characteristics were completed as part of the original establishment of the District, and were performed again in 2006 and 2016 with the goals of updating Town records, creating a consistent and complete inventory of resources, and updating the period of significance for the District, based on historical development patterns in Town; and

WHEREAS, to further improve the District and its administration, the Planning Commission is also requested to consider further changes to District Board membership requirements, signage guidelines, review criteria and parking in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Blacksburg:

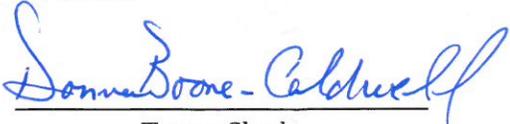
1. That the Planning Commission is hereby requested to do the following:

- (i) review the “Blacksburg Historic District Contributing Structures List,” as well as the 2016 Blacksburg Historic District survey report and the supporting materials,
 - (ii) provide its recommendation about the proposed additions to the Contributing Structures list contained in the 2016 and other survey reports,
 - (iii) review and consider and/or suggest revisions to membership requirements for the Historic or Design Review Board,
 - (iv) incorporate the signage guidelines into Zoning Ordinance Section 3282 “Design Criteria” and other related sections as needed,
 - (v) consider potential amendments to Zoning Ordinance Article IV, Division 27, Subdivision 2, “Establishment and Design Criteria,” to clarify how specific project types are reviewed, and
 - (vi) evaluate potential amendments to other related sections of the Zoning Ordinance to establish criteria for the provision of parking in the District.
2. That the Planning Commission is further requested to propose other amendments to related sections of the Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision Ordinance or the Town Code as necessary for consistency with the amendments described in the preceding paragraphs.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

Date of Adoption: September 10, 2019