



## Legislation Text

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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

Hold discussion regarding Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation Resolution 2019-03RR to consider the initial authorization of a text amendment, per Section 2.4.1.2 of the San Marcos Development Code, to Article 5 of the Historic Design Guidelines to include a purpose statement regarding sustainability, and provide direction to Staff.

**Meeting date:** February 4, 2020

**Department:** City Clerk / Planning and Development Services

**Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** N/A

**Account Number:** N/A

**Funds Available:** N/A

**Account Name:** N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** N/A

**City Council Strategic Initiative:**

N/A

**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):**

- Economic Development
- Environment & Resource Protection
- Land Use
- Neighborhoods & Housing
- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities
- Transportation
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

**Master Plan:**

N/A

**Background Information:**

At the November 7 regular meeting, the Historic Preservation Commission directed staff to bring back a proposed update to the Historic Design Guidelines to include a purpose statement that explains sustainability is important to the Commission and how it fits in with historic preservation practices. The Historic Design Guidelines are found in Appendix C of the San Marcos Design Manual. The sustainability guidelines are found in Article 5 of Appendix C.

The Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability from the Secretary of the Interior begins with an overview focusing on the fact that historic buildings are themselves often inherently sustainable and that this should be used to advantage in any proposal to upgrade them. A redlined purpose statement has been included which mirrors the overview that is found within The Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability.

Amending the Historic Design Guidelines requires a text amendment to the Design Manual. Per Section 2.4.1.2(B) of the San Marcos Development Code, an application for a text amendment requires initial authorization by the City Council.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

The Historic Preservation Commission unanimously approved Recommendation Resolution 2019-03RR at the December 5, 2019 regular meeting.

**Alternatives:**

N/A

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends **approval** of the attached purpose statement.