



MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Policy Commission
FROM: Minnie Dhaliwal, CPD Director
RE: Title 18 Update – IMC 18.808 Landmarks & Archaeological Resources
DATE: June 22, 2022

Background

The Council Ad Hoc Committee's Title 18 Update Desired Goals and Outcome document identifies the following priority relevant to this topic:

Goal 13: *Modernize code and incorporate best practices.*

Desired Outcome:

- Create a well-organized, clear code that improves public access to information; provides tools that address community needs; and helps create the kinds of places the community expects.

The draft code for Landmarks & Archaeological Resources has adopted by reference the King County's Protection and Preservation of Landmarks, Landmark Sites and Districts Code.

The packet includes a summary of substantial changes, that focus on improvements to organization of code, process or implementation of direction from the Administration or the Commission; but are actions that do not warrant discussion with the Commission.

Analysis

Summary of Substantive Changes:

The following summarizes the substantive changes made to develop the proposed **18.808 Landmarks & Archaeological Resources**. The changes are based on the gaps analysis, previous discussions with the Planning Policy Commission, a Staff evaluation of existing code and feedback from the City attorney's office.

CHANGE	REASON
1. Added a Purpose to the section.	Enables consistency in application.
2. Added a Fee Recovery section.	Simplifies code and adds clarity for development regulations.
3. Removed all King County regulations, except specific City definitions and requirements, and created a Codes Adopted by Reference section.	Simplifies code and remains up to date with King County code.
4. Added text stating that the City's Building Official will take into consideration comments of the County's Historic Preservation Officer should modifications be requested for a landmark.	Aligns with the approved King County Interlocal Agreement and ensures applicants consult with King County before an application is approved by the City.
5. Added the Landmarks Commission section to the Code.	Codified King County's authority to designate landmarks on behalf of Issaquah and Issaquah's Special Member position, which is a City representative that is present when nominations include properties located in Issaquah.
6. Changed code reference for Certificate of Appropriateness violations from IMC 1.06 to IMC 8.45.	On June 21, 2022, the City Council adopted new code enforcement chapters. Change allows for enforceability.

Previous Meetings

- November 4, 2021 – Planning Policy Commission: Zoning and Development Standards, ([Agenda/Minutes/Video](#))

Things to Consider: Policy Discussion

There are no policy questions associated with Landmarks & Archaeological Resources, however, as always the PPC should consider whether the proposed changes adequately address the goals and outcomes identified by Council.

Timeline

- July 14, 2022 – Public Hearing: IMC 18.606 Building Design, IMC 18.400 Zones, IMC 18.402 Permitted Uses.
- July 28, 2022 – PPC Deliberation: Title 18 – Zoning and Development: Affordable Housing, Transfer of Development Rights, Landmarks, and Parking
- October 2022 – Public Hearings: Consolidated Draft Title 18 Updat