



Implementation

“There may have been a time when preservation was about saving an old building here and there, but those days are gone. Preservation is the business of saving communities and the values they embody.”

- Richard Moe,
Former President, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Introduction

The following policy recommendations are organized by the Big Ideas, breaking each Big Idea and Initiative of **preserveokc** down into specific, achievable, actions. These recommendations have been laid out as a matrix with columns describing components for implementation.

- **Policies** are specific action items identified as possible methods to address the Big Ideas and Initiatives.
- **Type of Policy** identifies the type of action recommended, such as an ordinance amendment, a new policy to develop, or an outreach program to coordinate.
- **Partners** and **Responsibility** identify those agencies, departments, and organizations involved in implementation of the policy.
- **Start By** specifies a time frame for implementing the policy, whether a finite project or an ongoing program.

big idea one

Policy #	Policy
1.1.1	<p>Historic Resources Inventory: Maintain and improve Historic Resources Inventory as a database for information on historic resources throughout Oklahoma City through the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Updates: Incorporate and regularly update information gathered through historic surveys, historic resource documentation required as part of compliance with federal review, and local project reviews. • Set Survey Priorities: Identify priority areas for additional survey and research areas through evaluation of the existing database, development trends, and other survey needs such as disaster response. • Identify Sources of Assistance: Dedicate existing and identify new resources for maintenance of the Inventory, including staff, volunteer programs, and funding for surveys through entities such as the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office, National Parks Service, FEMA, and HUD. • Develop Public Submittal Mechanism: Create a mechanism to allow the public to submit information for review and inclusion in the Historic Resources Inventory. • Provide Access: Make the Inventory available to the public and to City departments for consultation. • Enhance Information for Evaluation: Incorporate additional information into the Historic Resources Inventory to identify the potential for National Register eligibility as well as identification of Historic and Architectural Resources. • Cross-list with other Inventories: Where feasible, combine or link the Historic Resources Inventory to similar databases, such as City-owned properties and public art inventories. • Use Inventory to Identify Potential for Additional Designation: When appropriate, nominate resources identified in the Inventory to the National Register of Historic Places, or pursue local tools for designation and protection such as HP/HL zoning, preservation easements, or other local identification programs.
1.1.2	<p>Outreach to Organizations: Assist neighborhood and commercial district associations and other organizations in identifying historic areas by providing information and resources for their use.</p>
1.1.3	<p>Visual Recognition: Continue and expand programs for recognition of historic areas and sites through district identification in the form of street sign toppers, banners, and other visual markers.</p>

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Program/partnership Process or procedures	Planning Department Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office Oklahoma Archeological Survey Applicable county assessors Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. and other community organizations City departments, including Development Services, Parks, General Services, and Public Works	Ongoing
Program/partnership	Planning Department Neighborhood Alliance and Commercial District Associations	Ongoing
Program/partnership	Planning Department Neighborhood Alliance Public Works	Ongoing

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1.1.4	<p>Promotion: Work with individuals and organizations to highlight specific aspects of Oklahoma City’s history and the associated sites through outreach, such as promotional and educational materials; recognition via public meetings, programs, awards, social media; and the City’s government access cable channel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Identified Assets: Capitalize on identified districts and areas of public interest, such as Route 66 and Oklahoma’s western heritage. • Increase Awareness: Identify underrepresented populations or aspects of Oklahoma City’s history, such as turn-of-the-century immigrant populations, Hispanic culture, and the Civil Rights Movement to increase awareness and engage residents in the diverse history and culture of Oklahoma City.
1.2.1	<p>Awareness-Building Programming: Provide programs that increase public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Oklahoma City’s Historic Preservation Program, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Walking tours • Informational publications • Media outreach
1.2.2	<p>Engage with Participants: Utilize Oklahoma City’s preservation community, including organizations, historic district residents, and preservation-savvy developers, to participate in educational outreach and promote awareness of local success stories.</p>
1.2.3	<p>Specialized Training: Continue and expand specialized training about the purpose, process, and benefits of historic preservation for leaders and professionals that interact with the field, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owners of historic properties • Professional groups including realtors, architects, and contractors • Neighborhood association and commercial district leaders • Design Review Committee and Planning Commission members • City leaders and elected officials

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Program/partnership	Planning Department Public Information Office Community organizations	2020
Program/partnership	Planning Department Public Information Office Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office Community organizations	Ongoing
Program/partnership	Planning Department	2020
Program/partnership	Planning Department	Ongoing

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Policy #	Policy
1.2.4	<p>Online Resources: Develop comprehensive web content on historic preservation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic Preservation/Landmark and Special Design Districts’ purpose, designation process, and review processes • Information about researching historic properties in Oklahoma City • Resources for additional historic preservation tools, including links to information about the National Register of Historic Places, Historic Tax Credits, and training and educational opportunities
1.3.1	<p>Collect Relevant Data: In order to provide comprehensive and accurate data about the benefits of historic preservation, track data about historic preservation activities through sources such as the following existing tools and programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building permits issued • Property values over time • Strong Neighborhoods Initiative • Commercial Districts Revitalization Program
1.3.2	<p>Coordinate Efforts with Other Organizations: Collect and share data on benefits of historic preservation, including historic tax credit projects completed, and the effects of heritage tourism, by working with other organizations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Historic Preservation Office • Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. • Neighborhood Alliance • The Oklahoma City Convention and Visitor’s Bureau • The Oklahoma Department of Commerce
1.3.3	<p>Publicize Information via Reports and Presentations: Make information on the benefits and value of historic preservation available to City leaders via regular reports and presentations, and to the press and general public via methods such as print and online materials, and press releases.</p>

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Program/partnership	Planning Department Public Information Office Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office Metropolitan Library System	2020
Program/partnership Process or procedure External agency coordination	Planning Department Development Services Department Applicable County Assessors	2020
Program/partnership External agency coordination	Planning Department State and local agencies Community organizations	Ongoing
Program/partnership Process or procedure	Planning Department Public Information Office	2020

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1.4.1	<p>Evaluate the Public Notification Process: Evaluate and enhance the effectiveness of existing processes for project notification, including public notice and availability of information regarding Special Design Districts, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment and City Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess, and improve as necessary, the availability of information related to applications, agendas, and decisions made for design review, development review, and other permits or variances. • Provide clear information on various review processes and the opportunities for the public to engage via written comments and attendance at public meetings. • Assist property owners and the general public with “connecting the dots” of overlapping reviews, such as Planning Commission recommendations to City Council, or Design Review recommendations to the Board of Adjustment, to create a clear and transparent process.
1.4.2	<p>Review Availability and Accessibility of Information: Ensure that individuals and organizations have access to user-friendly information about City review processes, how to research or track a project, and how to get involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond statutory requirements, assess feasibility of using additional, “opt-in” methods for notification to interested individuals and organizations, such as group email services. • Work with organizations such as Neighborhood Alliance, commercial district associations, and advocacy organizations to develop additional means to provide property owners and the general public with the information necessary to encourage early and effective public engagement.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Process or procedure	Planning Department Development Services Department City Clerk's Office	2020
Process or procedure	Planning Department Development Services Department City Clerk's Office Public Information Office Community organizations	2020

big idea two

Policy #	Policy
2.1.1	Historic Resources Inventory: Identify and maintain an updated inventory of historic resources, including buildings, structures, and sites owned or controlled by the City of Oklahoma City (see big idea one, 1.1).
2.1.2	Share Our History: Promote Oklahoma City’s history and identity and encourage historic preservation by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicizing rehabilitations of City-owned properties; • Identifying historic sites through media outreach, website content, historic markers, and other means of recognition; and • Nominating significant City-owned properties for formal recognition, including the National Register of Historic Places and Historic Preservation/Landmark zoning.
2.1.3	Establish Best Practices and Oversight: Establish City policies for the appropriate maintenance, repair, or alteration of City-owned historic resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information about the historic significance of City-owned properties and best practices for historic preservation to City leaders and City departments; • Work with City departments that manage property to develop appropriate standards for routine maintenance activities; • Develop a policy for advisory review by the Historic Preservation Commission for major renovations to City-owned historic resources.
2.2.1	Develop Policies for Public Investment: Develop and implement City policies for public investment, such as through acquisition of property or investment in development via bond programs, sales tax programs, etc., for the consideration of the impact upon historic resources. Policies may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of whether a historic resource is within, or in close proximity to, the subject site, such as through consultation of the Historic Resources Inventory; • Assessment of anticipated work for effect on historic resources, such as through consultation of established preservation standards and guidelines or advisory review by the Historic Preservation Commission; • Prioritization of the retention and reuse of historic resources as part of a project over demolition and new construction; • Opportunity for public input on identification of affected historic resources, and evaluation of effects of the proposed work; • Timeline for review at a stage early enough to allow revisions to proposals.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Program/partnership	Planning Department Public Information Office Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office	Ongoing
Process or Procedure Policy Decision	Planning Department Development Services Department Public Works Department General Services Department Parks Department	2020
Process or Procedure Policy Decision	Planning Department City Manager's Office	2020

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Policy #	Policy
2.3.1	<p>Protect City Resources in Transfer of Ownership: In the interest of ensuring the preservation of significant properties that reflect the legacy and investment of the City of Oklahoma City, encourage or require the preservation of City-owned historic resources when de-accessioning surplus property. Policies may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issuing a Request for Proposals requiring the rehabilitation of historic resources as part of the transfer of ownership;• Requiring the donation of a preservation easement as part of a transfer of ownership; and• Requiring the designation of the property as a Historic Landmark (HL zoning) as part of a transfer of ownership.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Process or Procedure Policy Decision	Planning Department City Manager's Office	2020

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Policy #	Policy
3.1.1	Historic Resources Inventory Expansion: Expand the format of the existing Historic Resources Inventory to incorporate identification of Historic and Architectural Resources as defined within the Municipal Code.
3.1.2	Next Steps for Historic Resources: When appropriate, nominate resources identified in the Inventory to the National Register of Historic Place or pursue local tools for designation and protection such as HP/HL zoning, preservation easements, or other local identification programs.
3.2.1	Identify Historic Resources: Develop and implement a formal process for evaluating and identifying historic resources within Special Design Districts by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing a Historic Resources Inventory that identifies historic, architectural or legacy resources; • Creating a process for evaluating properties not yet included on the Historic Resources Inventory; and • Developing a consistent process for review of different categories of work when Historic Resources are affected, including minor or significant alterations and demolition.
3.2.2	Strengthen Design Review: Strengthen review of alterations to historic resources by incorporating existing design guidelines for historic resources, or developing additional guidelines for existing or historic buildings, into Special Design Districts' zoning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider encouraging appropriate rehabilitations through the Design Review process, such as through administrative approvals for projects meeting specified rehabilitation requirements or already undergoing review for historic tax credits.
3.2.3	Strengthen Review of Demolitions: Strengthen review of demolitions of historic resources within Special Design Districts by implementing a consistent process for consideration of historic resources, including opportunity for additional comments from the Historic Preservation Commission.

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Process or Procedure Policy Decision	Planning Department	Ongoing
Process or Procedure Policy Decision	Planning Department City Manager's Office City Council	2020
Process or Procedure Policy Decision Ordinance Amendment	Planning Department City Manager's Office	2020
Process or Procedure Ordinance Amendment	Planning Department	2020
Process or Procedure Policy Decision	Planning Department City Manager's Office	2020

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3.2.4	Increase Awareness: In coordination with strengthened review processes, promote public awareness of the Design Review process, the role of the Design Review bodies, and the importance of early consultation on proposed projects, particularly when affecting historic resources.
3.2.5	Support Commission/Committees: Educate and empower members of Design Review Commissions and Committees by offering regular workshops, training, and content within staff reports on topics including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissions/Committees responsibility and authority within the larger permitting process; • Categories of historic resource designations and what regulatory weight they carry; • Evaluating historic and architectural significance; • Principles and best practices in rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, and how to apply these to their review process; • Interpretation of existing and development of new guidelines for historic resources; and • Opportunities to request additional information, including further research from applicants or staff, or recommendations from the Historic Preservation Commission.
3.2.6	Require Expertise: Increase preservation expertise on all Design Review bodies by requiring one or more members of each Commission/Committee to be trained or professionally experienced in historic preservation.
3.2.7	Enforce Decisions: Verify that work approved through the Design Review process is completed as approved through improvements to the zoning inspection process, including involvement of Design Review staff and increased coordination with zoning inspection staff.

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Program/partnership	Planning Department Development Services Department Public Information Office	2020
Program/partnership	Planning Department	Ongoing
Policy Decision Ordinance Amendment	Planning Department City Manager's Office	2020
Process or Procedure	Planning Department City Manager's Office Development Services Department	Ongoing

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3.2.8	<p>Designate Landmarks: Proactively identify individual structures, sites, and districts that warrant further protection and Design Review through Historic Preservation/Landmark or Special Design District zoning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information to residents and property owners, particularly those proposing work to historic buildings, about the opportunity to designate properties as Historic Landmarks. • Provide information to commercial areas, such as through business district associations, the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, and the City’s Commercial District Revitalization Program, about rezoning as a Historic Preservation/Landmark or Special Design District. • Provide information to neighborhoods through Neighborhood Alliance and individual neighborhood associations about rezoning as a Historic Preservation/Landmark or Special Design District. • Evaluate and implement utilization of existing “Legacy Resource” designation for identification of Architectural and Historic Resources within the Urban Design Overlay district, expanding the “Legacy Resources” tool to other Special Design Districts as appropriate.
3.2.9	<p>Evaluate Other Tools: Evaluate and strengthen other special zoning districts, such as Neighborhood and Urban Conservation District overlays, for their effectiveness in the context of historic preservation.</p>
3.2.10	<p>Strengthen Code Enforcement: Work with Code Enforcement and the Municipal Counselor’s office to improve the code enforcement process by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating and improving the effectiveness and timeliness of the code enforcement process; • Investigating opportunities for stronger financial or procedural penalties, such as prohibiting issuance of permits for new (non-remedial) work at properties with outstanding violations; and • Raising awareness of opportunities for interested members of the public to report, track, and provide information on possible violations.

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Program/partnership Process or procedure Policy decision	Planning Department City Manager's Office Public Information Office Community organizations	Ongoing
Process or procedure	Planning Department Development Services Department Community Organizations	2020
Process or procedure Policy decision	Planning Department City Manager's Office Development Services Department	2020

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Policy #	Policy
3.3.1	<p>Utilize zoning to encourage reuse and revitalization: Evaluate and improve the compatibility of zoning regulations with historic resources to ensure that reuse and revitalization is encouraged. Ways to improve compatibility may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining or implementing zoning for historic resources that is compatible with the existing, established physical character, including density, height, and setbacks; • Identifying and addressing zoning requirements that inhibit the redevelopment of historic resources, such as parking requirements that are inconsistent with historic commercial development patterns.
3.3.2	<p>Incorporate Historic Resources in Development Review: Amend plan okc to incorporate consideration of historic resources into Development Review, similar to the established process for assessment of Environmentally Sensitive Areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of whether a Historic or Architectural Resource, including a structure, site, or district, exists on a proposed development site, such as through consultation of the Historic Resources Inventory; • Assessment of potential impacts of the proposed development on the Historic or Architectural Resource, such as demolition, insensitive alteration, or infill construction; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modification of the proposed development to protect identified resources or mitigate potential impacts, through methods such as: • Adaptive reuse of historic structures and incorporation into larger development; • Modification of the design of surrounding new development to be compatible with existing, historic resources; and • Concentration of increased density in a smaller area, leaving existing, lower density development adjacent to historic resources.
3.3.3	<p>Strengthen Demolition Review: Develop more thorough review procedures for demolition of historic resources outside of existing Historic Preservation/Landmark and Design Review Districts, including the following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply review to identified categories of historic resources, such as those listed on or determined eligible for the National Register, those identified in the Historic Resource Inventory as Historic or Architectural Resources, those located within identified geographic boundaries, or those meeting a specified age criteria; • In recognition of the potential impact of a demolition upon adjacent property values, provide an opportunity for public notification and comment upon significant demolitions; and • Incorporate a delay period sufficient to allow time for public notification and consideration of alternatives to demolition.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Policy decision Ordinance Amendment/ Development Review	Planning Department City Manager's Office Development Services Department	2020
Policy Decision Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan	Planning Department City Manager's Office Development Services Department	2020
Program/partnership Ordinance Amendment	Planning Department City Manager's Office Development Services Department	2020

big idea three

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3.3.4	<p>Expand Design Review Options: Pursue development of tiered approaches to design review to provide varying levels of oversight and protection for districts and neighborhoods with established identity and historic character in order to protect the historic identity, quality of life, and economic vitality of Oklahoma City's character-defining neighborhoods and commercial districts. Tiered approaches to design review may provide guidance on issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alteration to historic resources • Demolition • New construction, including increasing density where appropriate.
3.4.1	<p>Strengthen Property Maintenance Codes: Continue efforts to improve code enforcement for property maintenance, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a more aggressive fee structure in order to motivate owners to remediate; • Conduct proactive, preventative enforcement and follow-up inspections to prevent deterioration as early as possible; • Develop more appropriate methods of securing properties, with particular emphasis on minimizing damage to historic fabric; • Collect and provide data on the effectiveness of enforcement efforts in order to continually identify strengths, needs, and opportunities for improvement.
3.4.2	<p>Increase Public Participation: Improve public access to, and neighborhood engagement in, the code enforcement process through methods such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased online availability of information about the status of violations within the code enforcement process; • Establishing pilot programs in neighborhood partnerships, using enhanced efforts to address problems within key locations and increased coordination between code enforcement and affected surrounding property owners; • Providing individuals and neighborhoods or other organizations with information about opportunities for assistance, including grant or loan programs for qualified property owners, that can assist with repairs or rehabilitation of structures.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Program/partnership Ordinance Amendment	Planning Department City Manager's Office	2020
Policy Decision Ordinance Amendment	Planning Department City Manager's Office Development Services Department	2020
Program/partnership	Planning Department Development Services Department Public Information Office Community Organizations	2020

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Policy #	Policy
3.4.3	<p>Pursue Reforms: Pursue substantive funding mechanisms and legislative action in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate effective penalties in the case of ongoing property maintenance violations; • Create new financial tools, such as abatement funds and tax incentive programs; and • Provide mechanisms for transfers of ownership and property acquisition.
3.4.4	<p>Strengthen Protection for Historic Resources: Beyond citywide property maintenance codes, requirements for properties within the Historic Preservation/Landmark districts include provisions for affirmative maintenance, and may warrant enhanced efforts for remediation. We should ensure that historic resources are not lost to remediation efforts, such as demolition, or neglect by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing financial assistance and incentives specifically for qualified historic resources; • Developing policies and protocol for abatement and securing of structures determined to be historic, including: • Adopting methods to avoid damage to historic fabric when boarding and securing a structure; • Repairing windows, doors, and other historic materials rather than boarding them in order to protect the integrity of the property and surrounding historic district; and • Evaluating enhanced code enforcement ordinances specifically for historic resources, such as a Demolition by Neglect ordinance.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
State Legislation Policy Decision Program/partnership Financial Tools	Planning Department City Manager's Office Development Services Department	2021
Program/partnership Process or procedure Policy Decision Financial Tools	Planning Department City Manager's Office Development Services Department	2021

big idea four

Policy #	Policy
4.1.1	<p>Prioritize Historic Resources in TIF: Incorporate consideration of, and requirements for, historic resources into existing and new TIF district policies, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of historic resources within TIF district boundaries in coordination with the Historic Resources Inventory; • Criteria for review of TIF-funded work to historic resources, including renovation and demolition; • Priority for projects that retain and rehabilitate historic resources; and • Priority for projects that incorporate additional funding sources, including state and federal tax credits for rehabilitation.
4.2.1	<p>Develop a Preservation Easement Program: Build on the success of the Skirvin Hilton preservation easement to fully develop a preservation easement program, in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide alternative means of historic recognition and protection, beyond existing zoning and National Register tools; • Offer the opportunity for financial incentives to property owners related to the rehabilitation of their properties; and • Establish a potential mechanism for oversight of historic properties receiving financial assistance for rehabilitation, in order to ensure their long-term maintenance and preservation.
4.2.2	<p>Develop Property Tax Abatement Program for Historic Preservation Projects: Work with counties and other tax-receiving entities to establish abatement of property taxes in return for the appropriate rehabilitation of historic structures of all types. An effective program should include the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria for identification of qualified properties; • Criteria and process to evaluate the appropriateness of qualified rehabilitation work; • Process for inspecting work upon completion to ensure compliance; and • Mechanisms for long-term protection of properties receiving assistance, such as the application of HP/HL zoning or requirement that an easement be donated for a specified amount of time.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Program/partnership Financial Tools	Planning Department City Manager's Office	Ongoing
Program/partnership	Planning Department	Ongoing
Program/partnership Financial Tools	Planning Department City Manager's Office	2020

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Policy #	Policy
4.2.3	<p>Expand Existing and Develop New Assistance Programs to Encourage Historic Preservation: Use existing programs and available funding sources, including CDBG, General Obligation or GOLT Bonds, and sales tax projects, to provide financial assistance specifically for the revitalization of historic properties or districts of all types. Effective programs should include the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criteria for identification of qualified properties; • Criteria and process to evaluate the appropriateness of qualified rehabilitation work; • Process for inspecting work upon completion to ensure compliance; and • Mechanisms for long-term protection of properties receiving assistance, such as the application of HP/HL zoning or requirement that an easement be donated for a specified amount of time.
4.3.1	<p>Promote Consideration of Historic Resources in Building Code Review. Increase awareness and utilization of resources for the reuse of historic buildings, including the application of the 2009 International Existing Building Code, to ensure that historic buildings are brought up to modern safety standards through the least invasive means possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information and training as needed to contractors, architects, and City staff on methods of meeting requirements of the Building and Fire Codes while retaining character-defining features of historic buildings.
4.3.2	<p>Facilitate Reuse of Historic Resources. Where appropriate, incentivize the reuse of historic resources for their original use or for a compatible adaptive reuse through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify ways to facilitate zoning changes, variances, or other mechanism to facilitate reuse of historic resources that meet identified criteria; • Allow the reuse of historic structures, such as reuse of a historic fourplex within a neighborhood that is now zoned for single family residential, or adaptation of a historic school for office use, when compatible with surrounding uses; • Allow variance to requirements that cannot be met on an existing, historic site without damage to the historic character, such as parking minimums, in order to encourage redevelopment of the resource while retaining compatibility with surrounding development; • Include mechanisms for long-term protection of properties receiving zoning relief or other assistance when that assistance is intended to facilitate the redevelopment or adaptive reuse of a historic resource, such as conditions on approvals or the incorporation of an HL overlay as part of a rezoning.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Program/partnership Financial Tools	Planning Department City Manager's Office	2020
Policy Decision Process or procedure	Planning Department Development Services Department Public Information Office	2020
Policy Decision Process or procedure Ordinance amendment Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan	Planning Department Development Services Department City Manager's Office	2020

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4.4.1	<p>Nominate eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places: In coordination with property owners, neighborhood and district associations, identify eligible properties or districts with the potential for rehabilitation, and nominate them to the National Register of Historic Places. Priorities for nomination may include properties or districts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With high degree of owner support for, and interest in, pursuing rehabilitation;• Involved in other city initiatives, such as the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative or Commercial District Revitalization Program;• Within larger areas identified for revitalization or redevelopment efforts; or• Identified as at-risk for loss of significant historic properties that would benefit from the availability of additional financial incentives.

Type of Policy	Partners	Start by
Program/partnership Process or procedure	Planning Department Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office	Ongoing

Appendix A: Additional Resources

Technical Assistance

Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office

Oklahoma History Center
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105
www.okhistory.org/shpo
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Oklahoma Archeological Survey

University of Oklahoma
111 E. Chesapeake, Bldg. #134
Norman, OK 73019
<http://www.ou.edu/cas/archsur>
405/325-7211

Oklahoma Main Street Center

Department of Commerce
900 N. Stiles Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
www.okcommerce.gov
405/815-5171

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.

405 NW 15th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73103
405/525-5325

Oklahoma City Foundation for Architecture

1300 N Shartel Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73103
www.okcarchitecture.com
405/948-7174

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Federal agency appointed to advise the President and Congress on national preservation policy.
www.achp.gov

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Nonprofit organization involved in advocacy for historic sites.
www.savingplaces.org

Preservation Action

Nonprofit organization involved in lobbying for historic preservation policy at the federal level.
www.preservationaction.org

U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

Federal agency responsible for implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act and associated programs, including the National Register of Historic Places.
<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/index.htm>

History and Research

Oklahoma History Center

Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office and Research Center

In addition to materials available on-site, online resources include National Register nomination, historic surveys, and other documents pertaining to historic preservation via the State Historic Preservation Office; articles and images available online via the Research Center, and the Encyclopedia of Oklahoma.

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Ronald J. Norick Downtown Library

Oklahoma Room

On-site and online collections include Sanborn maps, city directories, newspaper archives, and rare or out-of-print publications spanning the history and development of Oklahoma City.

300 Park Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
www.metrolibrary.org
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