

**THE CITY OF FREDERICK  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**RESOLUTION NO: 19-09**

**SUBJECT:**  
**Frederick Town Historic District Guidelines**

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**BACKGROUND**

Ordinance No. G-09-21, effective on December 14, 2009, amended the Official Zoning Maps to indicate that (with the exception of the property known as the Derr House) all that area that on that date was depicted as the Historic District Overlay District (HDO) is called the Frederick Town Historic District.

The Annotated Code of Maryland, Land Use Article, § 8-301 and the Land Management Code (LMC), § 423(j) require the City of Frederick to adopt guidelines for rehabilitation and new construction design for designated sites, structures, and districts that are consistent with those generally recognized by the Maryland Historical Trust.

On December 3, 2009, by Resolution No. 09-30, the Board of Aldermen adopted the 2008 Frederick Town Historic District Guidelines for the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to use in its review of applications for work within such district. On April 1, 2010, the Board of Aldermen adopted Resolution No. 10-10 in order to amend certain provisions of those guidelines relating to public art and to correct numbering errors. The 2008 Guidelines (as amended) have become outdated and do not provide adequate specificity and detail for the HPC to use in its review of applications.

From 2014 through the earlier part of this year, HPC members, including those with professional expertise in historic preservation, architecture, history, and architectural history along with the City's historic preservation planners and other staff, have prepared and reviewed drafts of new guidelines. The general public was given the opportunity to review and comment on such guidelines at numerous public meetings as well as on the City's website, in the Planning Division, and in City Hall, and those comments were incorporated into the proposed new guidelines (the "2019 Guidelines") to the extent possible.

The Maryland Historical Trust endorsed the proposed 2019 Guidelines on March 15, 2019.

The HPC held a public hearing on September 27, 2018, and at the conclusion thereof voted unanimously to recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the adoption of the 2019 Guidelines. The 2019 Guidelines will provide more specificity and detail and a higher level of predictability for applicants, and will allow for more consistent decision-making by the HPC.

The Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing on May 23, 2019 and voted to amend their recommendation to include additional language pertaining to trees, paint removal, and doors.

**ACTION:**

The Board of Aldermen hereby adopts the 2019 Frederick Town Historic District Design Guidelines, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2019.

Witness:

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Michael C. O'Connor  
Michael C. O'Connor, Mayor

Approved for legal sufficiency:

Sandra A. Nichols  
City Attorney



# Frederick Town Historic District DESIGN GUIDELINES

2019 EDITION



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*Frederick*  
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