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Planning Division

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MEETING DATE: MAY 17, 2023  
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

DISCUSSION ITEM

<b>Case Number</b>	PR-2021-001145
<b>Request</b>	A workshop to discuss potential amendments to Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code and provide feedback on updated amendments (continued from October 19, 2022)
<b>Project Location</b>	Citywide
<b>Wards</b>	All
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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) workshop the potential amendments to Title 20 of the Riverside Municipal Code and provide feedback on the staff recommended amendments.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

A comprehensive update to Title 20 was last completed in 2010. Amendments included:

- Revisions to Landmark and Structure of Merit Criteria
- Addition of owner consent for designation
- Elimination NCA as a type of designation
- Expansion of Administrative Approval Authority for Certificates of Appropriateness
- Revisions to strengthen Enforcement and Penalties
- Clarification of CHB's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) authority
- Addition of Secretary of the Interior Standard's consistency to the Principle of Design Review

Since the comprehensive update, Title 20 was amended as follows:

- In 2013, the Historic Preservation Fund was added
- In 2014, language was added to clarify Historic Preservation Officer duties and the nomination of Historic Preservation Fund Committee members
- In 2016, Recognition of Points of Cultural Interest was added

In 2017, staff began identifying needed revisions and clarifications to Title 20, including Chapter 20.40 – Enforcement and Penalties related to penalties for projects completed without a Certificate of Appropriateness based on City Council direction. Staff

completed the preliminary review of Title 20 and prepared initial recommended amendments for consideration.

From September 2021 through November 2021, Staff worked closely with CHB through workshops at their regularly scheduled meetings. On February 16 2022, CHB formed a subcommittee consisting of four members to work with staff on the recommended amendments. The subcommittee met on a bi-weekly basis between March and August 2022.

At the September 21, 2022 CHB meeting, staff presented the Proposed Amendments based on the Subcommittee feedback. Following the staff presentation, CHB members provided additional comments on the Proposed Amendments. The discussion was continued to the October 19, 2022 CHB meeting to allow staff to review the comments and develop additional Amendments to Title 20.

As the Proposed Amendments included substantive changes, staff determined that reconvening the Subcommittee was necessary. Meetings between staff and the subcommittee resumed in January 2023. At the subcommittee meetings, staff was provided redline suggestion completed by Board Member Sisson and Vice-Chair McDoniel. Following discussion, staff prepared potential revisions to Title 20, based on the redlines provided. The attached Title 20 Modifications Table provides a comparison of existing Title 20 text, the Sisson-McDoniel suggested redlines, and revised Title 20 updates bases on discussions between staff and the subcommittee (Exhibit 2).

## STRATEGIC PLAN

This item contributes to the Envision Riverside 2025 City Council Strategic Priority 2 – Community Well-being (Goal 2.3 – Strengthen neighborhood identities and improve community health and the physical environment through amenities and programs that foster an increased sense of community and enhanced feelings of pride and belonging citywide) and Priority 5 – High Performing Government (Goal 5.3 - Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making).

This item aligns with the following Cross-Cutting Threads:

1. Community Trust: The proposed Title 20 Update is being reviewed at public meetings held by the Cultural Heritage Board and the public is able to provide comments.
2. Equity: The proposed Title 20 Update will apply to all Cultural Resources across the City.
3. Fiscal Responsibility: The proposed Title 20 Update is being led by City staff and will not result in any additional costs to the City.
4. Innovation: The proposed Title 20 Update will respond to changing needs related to cultural resource protection that have been identified since the last comprehensive update.
5. Sustainability and Resiliency: Title 20 Update encourages the reuse of existing historic structures, thereby reducing waste and extending the life of existing resources.

## EXHIBITS LIST

1. Sisson-McDoniel redline
2. Title 20 Revised Modifications table

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