



# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT

**Amendment to Section 47-24.11 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to Provide a Process to Designate Thematic Districts City-Wide and to Amend Existing Historic Preservation Criteria and Procedures.**

## **Outline of Proposed Changes to ULDR Section 47-24.11**

The proposed amendments to Section 47-24.11, Historic designation of landmarks, landmark site or buildings and certificate of appropriateness include the following:

- Proposed language that will incorporate the **ability to designate a “Thematic Historic District”** in the City of Fort Lauderdale; and
- Additional **definitions** for “applicant,” “agent,” “site improvement,” “Thematic Historic District,” “Thematic Historic Resource,” and “visible from the public right-of-way,” as well as updates to other definitions that further clarify the text contained within the ordinance; and
- Modifications to the historic designation section to **clarify the application process and procedures for historic designation** as well as to amend or rescind a historic designation; and
- Modifications to **review criteria for Certificates of Appropriateness** including general criteria and criteria for new construction; and
- Proposed language to **amend the administrative review process** and (staff level review and approval) to **add site improvements** with reference to the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Historic Preservation Design Guidelines; and
- Reference to **Sections 166.03 and 553.79, Florida Statutes** that affect our review process and procedures; and
- **Miscellaneous edits** to address any inconsistencies throughout the text to clarify the process for obtaining certificates of appropriateness and requirements.

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**The primary purpose of the proposed text amendment to the historic preservation ordinance is to provide a process to designate a Thematic Historic District. In order to implement this process, the following was added:**

- Definitions of a "Thematic Historic District" and a "Thematic Historic Resource" (see below).
- Inclusion of the option of a Thematic Historic District in all areas of the ordinance where properties that are designated as historic are listed or referenced.
- Provide additional historic designation application requirements specifically for Thematic Historic District applications.

The inclusion of the option to designate a Thematic Historic District will not change the existing process for historic designation or the criteria in which an application is reviewed. integrity. For more information on the historic designation process including a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit our website:

<https://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/departments-a-h/development-services/urban-design-and-planning/historic-preservation/historic-designation>

## **Definitions Added**

***Thematic Historic District.*** A geographically defined area(s) designated as a "thematic historic district" by ordinance of the city commission which contains two (2) or more sites, buildings, or structures that are not contiguous, and the sites, buildings, or structures are related by any of the following: a) historic events; or b) a significant person(s); or c) architectural style; or d) architectural characteristics; or e) archeological types; or f) aesthetic characteristics; or g) other characteristics that have historic significance.

***Thematic Historic Resource.*** A property located within a thematic historic district.

## **Thematic Historic District Examples**

- Wood Frame Vernacular Residences in Coconut Grove Village West, Miami, Florida
- Victoria Residences in Port Townsend, Washington
- Historic and Architectural Properties of Overtown in Miami, Florida (1896-1964)
- Asian Pacific Thematic Historic District, San Diego, California

**Visit our website to view the Thematic Historic District Examples listed above:**

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/government/departments-a-h/development-services/urban-design-and-planning/historic-preservation/what-is-historic-preservation>