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City Hosts Open House Community Meetings on Proposed Historic Preservation Code Updates Public Encouraged to Learn More, Provide Input

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso's Planning and Inspections Department invites the public to attend a series of open house meeting to review and comment on proposed updates to Chapter 20.20 of the City Code, which governs Historic Landmark Preservation.

The revisions aim to modernize the ordinance, streamline processes, and align local regulations with state law and best practices. The proposed updates may directly affect property owners, developers, and residents in or near the City's designated historic districts.

Community members are welcome to join any of the following meeting to speak with staff, review proposed changes, and ask questions:

- **VIRTUAL: Mon., June 16 at 10 a.m.**
Virtual: <https://tinyurl.com/t9bZR5wr>
Meeting ID: 242 931 886 954 3
Passcode: Ge2XS9gZ
Phone: (915) 213-4096, 928 135 798#
- **IN PERSON: Mon., June 16 at 6 p.m.**
Pavo Real Recreation Center
9301 Alameda Ave.
- **IN PERSON: Tues., June 17 at 6 p.m.**
El Paso City Hall
300 N. Campbell St.
- **IN PERSON: Wed., June 18 at 6 p.m.**
Memorial Senior Center
1800 Byron St.

Originally adopted in 1978 and last revised in 2006, Chapter 20.20 outlines how the City designates, reviews, and protects historic properties. The proposed revisions are intended to:

- Clarify ordinance language and reduce ambiguity
- Simplify the designation and permitting process
- Align with state preservation laws and the City's development codes
- Maintain the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) status, which provides access to technical support and preservation grants

Updates include changes to how historic status is designated, how both contributing and non-contributing properties are treated, and how property modifications are reviewed to ensure the character of historic districts is preserved.

For more information about the Planning and Inspections Department visit, www.elpasotexas.gov/planning-and-inspections.

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