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City Adds New Community Meeting About Proposed Historic Preservation Code Updates Public Invited to Continue Providing Input

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso's Planning and Inspections Department has scheduled an additional community open house to gather public input on proposed updates to Chapter 20.20 of the City Code, which governs Historic Landmark Preservation.

The additional meeting will take place from **10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at the Nestor Valencia Transfer Center, 9065 Alameda**, in collaboration with District 7 and the Mission Trail Association.

This event extends a series of public outreach efforts that began in June. In addition to this open house, City staff have been engaging with various neighborhood associations, developers, and historic preservation stakeholders to ensure broad awareness and collect feedback.

The proposed updates to Chapter 20.20 are designed to modernize the ordinance, simplify review and permitting processes, and align local policies with state preservation law and national best practices. These changes may directly affect property owners, developers, and residents in or near the City's designated historic districts.

Chapter 20.20, originally adopted in 1978 and last updated in 2006, outlines how the City designates, reviews, and protects historic properties. The proposed revisions aim to:

- Clarify ordinance language and reduce ambiguity
- Streamline the designation and permitting process
- Align with state law 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, the treatment of contributing vs. non-contributing properties, and the review process for proposed modifications—all intended to preserve the character of El Paso's historic districts while supporting responsible development.

For more information, visit, www.elpasotexas.gov/planning-and-inspections.

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