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Burlington Completes the Local Historic Overlay District Design Standards Update with Funds from NC State Historic Preservation Office

Burlington, NC - The City of Burlington is one of 52 Certified Local Governments in the State of North Carolina. That status allows the City to submit applications for grants made available from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund. On April 6, 2021, City Council directed staff to pursue a FY21-22 CLG grant application to the State Historic Preservation Office to update Burlington's Local Historic Overlay District Design Standards. On July 16, 2021, Burlington was awarded the grant and shortly thereafter entered into contract with the Walker Collaborative and initiated the update process.

The City held a series of public meetings and workshops about the updated standards. They were also considered in public meetings of the City's Historic Preservation Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission, both of which recommended approval of the standards. On August 16, 2022, Burlington's City Council voted to adopt the new standards. For more details of the entire update process, drafts, and meeting materials, visit the project website at www.burlingtonnc.gov/HistoricBurlington.

The newly adopted standards will be an essential tool for property owners within the West Davis Street-Fountain Place and Glencoe Mill Village Local Historic Districts (to see maps and information, visit www.burlingtonnc.gov/HistoricDistricts). For property owners in these two districts, as well as of locally designated historic landmarks, the new standards provide a streamlined process for obtaining Certificates of Appropriateness, create new opportunities and guidance on the use of modern construction materials and techniques, and establish standards and protocols for emergency situations.

The new standards can be downloaded online at www.burlingtonnc.gov/HistoricDesignStandards. For more information on the new Standards, contact Jamie Lawson, AICP, CZO, Planning Director, at jlawson@burlingtonnc.gov or 336-380-7064.

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