

Request For Council Action

Action Requested:	Amending the Historic Landmark Designation ordinance for the property known as the Richard Wearn House (listed under Tax Parcel Number 05903272 , and located at 4928 Tuckaseegee Road). The current designation, adopted in 1979, includes only the exterior of the house. Amending the ordinance would expand the local historic landmark designation of the property to include the interior and exterior of the house and the outbuildings, and .856 acres of land associated with the house
Responsible Department:	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission
Background:	The enclosed “Report on Amending the Designation Ordinance for the Richard Wearn House” sets forth the factors which persuaded the Historic Landmarks Commission to recommend amending the designation ordinance for the Richard Wearn House .
Explanation of Request:	The Historic Landmarks Commission functions to identify and safeguard historic buildings, sites and places in Mecklenburg County. The essential means of achieving this goal is to recommend the designation of such properties as historic landmarks , and to recommend amending designation ordinances when that is appropriate. City Council is being asked to consider amending the designation ordinance for the Richard Wearn House.
Deferrable Taxes:	Attached is a letter from the Mecklenburg County Tax Administrator stating that the subject property’s deferrable taxes would be \$229.53 for the City of Charlotte taxes, and \$321.12 for Mecklenburg County taxes
Clearances:	The Department Review Process revealed that there are no conflicts with other City projects.
Bibliography:	Report on Amending the Designation Ordinance for the Richard Wearn House (2015)
Date Submitted:	September 4, 2015
Agenda Date Requested:	September 21, 2015
Consequences if Agenda Date is delayed or Action is deferred:	Would delay the expansion of the historic designation of the Richard Wearn House to include more of the property and thereby deprive the property of legal protection against inappropriate material alteration.
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- List of Attachments:**
1. Descriptive Cover Sheet
 2. Draft of the Amendment to the Historic Landmark Ordinance
 3. Report on Amending the Designation Ordinance for the Richard Wearn House
 4. Letters from Tax Office providing amount of potentially deferrable Ad Valorem taxes
 5. Comment Summary of Department Review
 6. Letter from the State Historic Preservation Office