




MEMORANDUM

TO: Scott R. Niehaus, Village Manager

FROM: William J. Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development 

MEETING DATE: May 17, 2018

SUBJECT: **Historic Preservation Commission Text Amendment**

Please find the attached Ordinance granting approval of a requested text amendment for Village Board consideration as part of the May 17, 2018, Board meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on January 9, 2018, the Commissioners directed staff to draft a text amendment to protect the landmark plaques that are awarded to the property owners of local landmarked properties. The Commission decided unanimously to investigate an option to add a sentence to Section 32 of the Village Code of Ordinances to have the plaque returned if the landmark site designation is removed.

In the fall of 2017, it came to the attention of the Commission that the local landmark property located at 305 Morningside Avenue had been foreclosed on and auctioned off to a bank. The agent replaced all of the windows with what appeared to be new vinyl windows that do not match the original windows. Permits were not obtained for this work as required. A certificate of appropriateness application/permit was submitted on April 12, 2018 and subsequently denied by the Historic Preservation Commission on April 17, 2018.

This unfortunate incident led the Commissioners to become concerned over the future of landmark plaques if property owners do not adhere to the preservation process as set forth in the Village Code of Ordinances.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of a text amendment obligating the return of a landmark site plaque if a given property loses its landmark site designation. Please place this item on the May 17, 2018 Board of Trustees agenda for a first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE III., CHAPTER 32, SECTION 32.079(G) OF
THE LOMBARD VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO THE LOMBARD
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, AND LANDMARK SITE PLAQUES**

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That Title III., Chapter 32, Section 32.079(G) of the Lombard Village Code is amended by adding a new subsection (3) thereto, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

“(3) In the event that the landmark site designation is removed pursuant to subsection (2) above, any landmark site plaque, that was issued to the property owner by the Lombard Historic Preservation Commission, on behalf of the Village, shall be returned to the Village by the property owner.”

SECTION 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

Passed on first reading this _____ day of _____, 2018.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this ___ day of _____, 2018.

Passed on second reading this _____ day of _____, 2018,
pursuant to a roll call vote as follows.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Keith Giagnorio, Village President

ATTEST:

Sharon Kuderna, Village Clerk

Published by me in pamphlet form this ____ day of _____, 2018

Sharon Kuderna, Village Clerk