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City of Burlington Awarded Grant to update Historic Preservation Design Standards

Burlington, NC – The City of Burlington has been awarded a grant to update the City’s Historic Preservation Design Standards – detailed guidelines for performing work on properties within the City’s Local Historic Districts. The \$22,000 grant was awarded from the Historic Preservation Fund of North Carolina Certified Local Government Program.

The City’s current Historic Preservation guidelines have not been updated since 1991. The new guidelines will provide clear direction for the City’s Historic Preservation Commission and Planning staff to help them make consistent, informed decisions concerning Certificates of Appropriateness.

The update will also help property owners understand the difference between general maintenance, staff level review (i.e. minor work applications) and Historic Preservation Commission review (I.e. major work applications). The current standards also lack guidance about sustainable building materials and best practices, natural disaster preparedness, and emergency Certificate of Appropriateness protocol.

“The updated guidelines will provide a more streamlined approach to help property-owners, making it easier to maintain the character and charm of our Historic Districts,” stated Jamie Lawson, Principal Planner for the City of Burlington.

The Historic Preservation Fund Grant is a federal program administered by the National Park Service and is made available through the North Carolina Historic Preservation Office. The City is working with the State grant coordinator to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) and select a project consultant. The project is expected to be completed by September of 2022.

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