

August 21, 2002

To the Honorable Members of the
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 020319, being a resolution relating to designation requirements, and the extent of exterior review covered by a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for historically designated properties.

The first portion of this ordinance would require the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to submit a written statement relating the owner's position with respect to the proposed designation.

The second portion of this ordinance would eliminate the need for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations performed on a portion of a property not visible from a public street. Determining when to apply for a COA would be confusing to property owners. The review of a COA application would also be very difficult for the HPC to administer consistently.

The Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission at its regular meeting of July 15, 2002 recommended in favor of the first provision of Ordinance No. 020319 requiring an ownership position statement, but strongly recommended that the second provision of Ordinance No. 020319 limiting the review requirements of a COA be Placed on File.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Penman
Commissioner

Attachment

C: Ald. Henningsen