

April 30, 2001

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

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 001485, being an ordinance relating to notification requirements for Certificate of Appropriateness hearings in historic districts.

This ordinance would require the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission to notify property owners within 200 feet of any site, structure or district nomination. It also reiterates the need to notify the Alderperson of the district. The Historic Preservation Commission holds public hearings on site, structure or district nominations and on appeals of Certificates of Appropriateness. The original intent of this ordinance was to inform the largest number of property owners when districts or sites were being considered. It was determined that it was not in the best interests of the city or the Commission to do a mass mailing for public hearings when a Certificate of Appropriateness is denied. Subsequent to the introduction of the subject file, Ordinance No. 001704 was introduced. Ordinance No. 001704 better addresses the need for noticing public hearings for district or site nominations. Ordinance No. 001704 includes notification of owners with 200 feet of a nominated district or site, and also streamlines the meeting process. Under Ordinance No. 001704 the study report and public hearing can happen at the same time rather than one month apart.

The Historic Preservation Commission at its regular meeting on April 16, 2001 recommended that Ordinance No. 001485 be Placed on File.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary  
Historic Preservation Commission of Milwaukee

Attachment

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