

Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners

Office of the Commission Auditor

<u>Unincorporated Municipal Service Area</u> <u>Committee Meeting</u>

September 12, 2016 2:00 P.M. Commission Chamber

Research Division

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Item No.	Research Notes
1G1 SUB 161895	ORDINANCE RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND AD VALOREM TAXATION; AMENDING DEFINITION OF OWNER FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PURPOSES AS IT RELATES TO CONDOMINIUM AND COOPERATE PROPERTIES AND CERTAIN LAND LEASES; REVISING CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR TERM LIMITS ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEMBERS; REQUIRING WAIVER OF SUCH TERM LIMITS BY ORDINANCE; REQUIRING TRAINING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS; REQUIRING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER CERTAIN CRITERIA IN DECIDING WHETHER TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN SITES; REQUIRING DESIGNATION REPORTS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FACTORS; PROVIDING AN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN HISTORIC PROPERTIES USED FOR COMMERCIAL OR NONPROFIT PURPOSES; MAKING TECHNICAL CHANGES; AMENDING SECTIONS 16A-4, 16A-6, 16A-10, AND 16A-18 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 161263; SEE AGENDA ITEM NOS. 2D, 2E, 2F]
Notes	The proposed ordinance incorporates the recommended amendments from the Mayor's Historic Preservation
	 Advisory Work Group into the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Specifically, the proposed ordinance: Defines "owner" for condominiums and cooperative properties as the condo association, board, or the cooperative corporation for the purpose of who may request a historic designation for these properties, as the current Code does not contain special provisions in the circumstance of a building with multiple property owners such as condominiums or cooperative properties; Adds additional professional fields to the list of those members of the community who may be appointed to the Historic Preservation Board; Establishes term limits of two (2) consecutive four-year terms for Historic Preservation Board members, which cannot be waived by the BCC except by ordinance, and that all new Historic Preservation Board members receive orientation and training; Adds the requirement that any proposed projects or planning information be added into the designation; and Introduces an additional tax exemption opportunity of up to 25 percent for owners of historic properties in the County's historic preservation jurisdiction that are commercial or are utilized by non-profit associations authorized under Section 196.1961, Florida Statutes. Currently, the Code only provides an ad valorem tax exemption for the rehabilitation of historic properties, not an exemption for a property simply being designated.
	The substitute differs from the original item in that it specifies that the tax exemption, authorized by section 196.1961, Florida Statutes, for certain historic properties used for commercial or nonprofit purposes will apply to the countywide operating and unincorporated municipal service area (UMSA) taxes levied by the County for qualifying properties located in the unincorporated area, and to the countywide operating taxes levied by the County for qualifying properties located within municipalities where the County has historic preservation jurisdiction.
	Fiscal Impact Statement: Approval of the proposed ordinance does not create an immediate fiscal impact to the County as additional staffing resources or operational costs are not anticipated. However, the proposed ordinance does introduce an additional ad valorem tax exemption opportunity for owners of historic properties in the County's historic preservation jurisdiction that are commercial or utilized by non-profit associations, which is to become effective January 1, 2017. Section 196.1961 of the Florida Statutes provides that a local government can provide an exemption of up to 50 percent for eligible properties; however, the proposed ordinance only provides an exemption of up to 25 percent.
	If the existing historically designated properties that meet the eligibility criteria were to seek the tax abatement of 25 percent, staff anticipates the fiscal impact would be approximately \$902.22 in ad valorem revenue loss. This assumption only contemplates the seven (7) properties that currently meet the eligibility criteria and the existing jurisdictional millage rates.

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	G i		d 16A-18 of the Miami-Dade County Code		
	Section	Current	Proposed		
	Sec. 16A-4.	(14) Owner of a designated	(14) Owner(s): An owner is any person, organization,		
	Definitions.	property: As reflected on the	corporation, or other entity having a recorded fee		
		current Metropolitan Miami-Dade	simple interest in a building or its underlying land.		
		County tax rolls or current title holder.	When the ownership of a building has been divided into condominiums, the condominium association shall be		
		noider.	considered the sole owner. When a building is owned by		
			a cooperative corporation, the corporation shall be		
			considered the sole owner. When an owner has entered		
			into a recorded land lease for a term exceeding 75 years,		
			which lease entitles the lessee to construct, demolish, or		
			alter buildings on the land, the lessee shall also be		
			considered an owner.		
	Sec. 16A-6.	The Board shall consist of thirteen	The Board shall consist of 13 members appointed by the		
	Same—	(13) members appointed by the	Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County		
	Members.	Board of County Commissioners.	Commissioners should attempt to appoint architects,		
		The Board of County	realtors, archeologists, historians, art historians, lawyers,		
		Commissioners should attempt to	developers, contractors, engineers, economists, or other		
		appoint architects, realtors,	individuals from the business, financial and other segments		
		archeologists, historians, art	of the community who, by virtue of their profession or		
		historians, lawyers or other individuals from the business,	business, have demonstrated concern for historic preservation. The Historic Preservation Board shall contain		
		financial and other segments of the	not less than one architect; one real estate professional or		
		community who, by virtue of their	attorney at law; and one historian or architectural historian.		
		profession or business, have	The term of office of membership shall be 4 years for each		
		demonstrated concern for historic	member. Any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be		
		preservation. The Historic	filled by the County Commission for the remainder of the		
		Preservation Board shall contain	unexpired term, at the earliest possible date. Members shall		
		not less than one architect; one real	be eligible for reappointment, but shall not serve more		
		estate agent or attorney at law; and	than 2 consecutive 4-year terms without a hiatus of at		
		one historian or architectural	least 4 years, provided, however, that an appointment		
		historian. The term of office of	to fill an unexpired term shall not preclude that		
		membership shall be four (4) years	appointee from serving 2 consecutive 4-year terms		
		for each member. Any vacancy	thereafter, subject to waiver by a two-thirds vote of the		
		occurring on the Board shall be filled by the County Commission	Board of County Commissioners as provided in section		
		filled by the County Commission for the remainder of the unexpired	2-11.38.2. The provisions of section 2-11.38.2 that authorize the Board of County Commissioners to waive		
		term, at the earliest possible date.	term limit restrictions by resolution adopted by a two-		
		Members shall be eligible for	thirds vote of members present shall not otherwise		
		reappointment. Members of the	apply, and the aforementioned term limit restrictions		
		Board shall serve without	shall not be waived by the Board of County		
		compensation but shall be	Commissioners except by ordinance. Members of the		
		reimbursed for necessary expenses	Board shall serve without compensation but shall be		
		incurred in the performance of their	reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the		
		official duties, as shall be	performance of their official duties, as shall be determined		
		determined and approved by the	and approved by the County Commission. All new		
		County Commission. Members of the Board shall be governed by	members shall receive an orientation or training upon being appointed to the Board Except as otherwise		
		the Board shall be governed by Section 2-11.36, et seq. of the Code.	being appointed to the Board. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, Board members shall be		
		Section 2-11.50, et seq. of the Code.	governed by the provisions applicable to all County		
			boards, as set forth in Chapter 2, Article IB of the Code.		
	Sec. 16A-	(I) Criteria The Board shall have	In deciding whether to exercise its discretion to		
	10.	the authority to designate areas,	designate a proposed individual site, district, or		
	Designation	places, buildings, structures,	archaeological or paleontological zone, the Board shall		

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	process and	landscape features, archeological	consider the objective criteria set forth in subsection (1)		
	procedure.	and paleontological sites and other	below, as well as the factors and considerations		
		improvements or physical features,	required to be addressed in staff's designation report		
		as individual sites, districts or	pursuant to subsection (3) below, along with the		
		archeological or paleontological	evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing		
		zones that are significant in Miami-	and any other information the Board deems relevant to		
		Dade County's history, architecture,	its determination.		
		paleontology, archeology or culture and possess an integrity of location,	(1) Criteria. The Board shall have the authority to		
		design, setting, materials,	designate areas, places, buildings, structures, landscape		
		workmanship or association, or:	features, archeological and paleontological sites and other		
		workinaliship of association, or.	improvements or physical features, as individual sites,		
		(II) Properties not generally	districts or archeological or paleontological zones that are		
		<i>considered</i> ; - exceptions. Certain	significant in Miami-Dade County's history, architecture,		
		properties, which include	paleontology, archeology or culture and possess an		
		cemeteries, birthplaces, properties	integrity of location, design, setting, materials,		
		owned by religious institutions or	workmanship or association, or:		
		used for religious purposes,	,,,,,		
		structures that have been moved	(2) Properties not generally considered; exceptions.		
		from their original locations,	Certain properties, which include cemeteries, birthplaces,		
		properties commemorative in	properties owned by religious institutions or used for		
		nature and properties that have	religious purposes, structures that have been moved from		
		achieved significance within the	their original locations, properties commemorative in		
		last fifty years, will not normally be	nature and properties that have achieved significance		
		considered for designation.	within the last 50 years, will not normally be considered for		
		However, such properties will	designation. However, such properties will qualify if they		
		qualify if they are integral parts of	are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria, or if		
		districts that do meet the criteria, or	they fall within the following categories:		
		if they fall within the following			
		categories:	(3) Designation report. Prior to the designation of an		
			individual site, a district, or an archeological zone, a		
		(III) Investigation and designation	designation report must be filed with the Board. The format		
		<i>report.</i> - Prior to the designation of	of these reports may vary according to the type of		
		an individual site, a district, or an	designation; however, all reports must address the		
		archeological zone, an investigation	following: The historical, cultural, architectural or		
		and designation report must be filed	archeological significance of the property or properties		
		with the Board. The format of these	being recommended for designation; a recommendation of		
		reports may vary according to the	boundaries for districts and archaeological zones and		
		type of designation; however, all	identification of boundaries of individual sites being		
		reports must address the following:	designated; a recommendation of standards to be adopted		
		The historical, cultural, architectural or archeological	by the Board in carrying out its regulatory function under this chapter with respect to certificates of appropriateness		
		architectural or archeological significance of the property or	and certificates to dig. Where a report is filed		
		properties being recommended for	recommending designation of a district, the report must		
		designation; a recommendation of	identify those properties, if any, within the district which		
		boundaries for districts and	are not historically or architecturally compatible with		
		archaeological zones and	structures in the district. The standards for regulating such		
		identification of boundaries of	nonconforming properties shall provide that a certificate of		
		individual sites being designated; a	appropriateness may be required only for new construction		
		recommendation of standards to be	on such properties. All reports shall also address, to the		
		adopted by the Board in carrying	extent applicable, the following: any projected, proposed		
		out its regulatory function under	or existing public improvements and developmental or		
		this chapter with respect to	renewal plans; any private plans for development or		
		certificates of appropriateness and	redevelopment of the property or area under		
		certificates to dig. Where a report is	consideration, including any new architecture or		
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		filed recommending designation of a district, the report must identify those properties, if any, within the district which are not historically or architecturally compatible with structures in the district. The standards for regulating such nonconforming properties shall provide that a certificate of appropriateness may be required only for new construction on such properties. All reports shall take into consideration projected, proposed or existing public improvements and developmental or renewal plans.	features proposed for the same location; any applicable neighborhood or community revitalization goals, plans, or objectives, including any existing policies in the local government's comprehensive plan or other planning initiatives pertaining to, among other things, economic development, transportation, and housing; and the possible adaptive use of the property after designation, based on applicable local government zoning regulations and other building code requirements.		
	Sec. 16A-	(a) Scope of tax exemptions. A	(1) Tax exemptions for historic properties used for		
	18. Tax exemptions	method is hereby created for the Board of County Commissioners, at	certain commercial or nonprofit purposes.		
	for historic properties.	its discretion, to allow tax exemptions for the restoration, renovation, or rehabilitation of historic properties. The exemption shall apply to one hundred percent of the assessed value of all improvements to historic properties which result from restoration, renovation, or rehabilitation made on or after the effective date of this ordinance. The exemption applies only to taxes levied by Metropolitan Miami-Dade County. The exemption does not apply to taxes levied for the payment of bonds or to taxes authorized by a vote of the electors pursuant to Section 9(b) or Section 12, Article VII of the Florida Constitution. The exemption does not apply to personal property. The exemption under this ordinance does not apply to properties within a community redevelopment area previously or hereafter established pursuant to Part III of Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, by either the Board of County Commissioners of Miami- Dade County or the governing body of any city or other municipality within Miami-Dade County.	 (a) Pursuant to Section 196.1961, Florida Statutes, Miami-Dade County hereby elects to provide for an ad valorem tax exemption of 25 percent of the assessed value for any property, located in the unincorporated area of the County or in a municipality over which the County exercises historic preservation jurisdiction, that meets the following statutory criteria: (i) The property must be used for commercial or nonprofit purposes; (ii) The property must be historically designated at the local level, a contributing property to a locally-designated historic district, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, or a contributing property to a National Register Historic District; and (iii) The property must be "regularly open to the public," as defined by law. To retain this ad valorem tax exemption, the historic character of the property must be maintained in good repair and condition to the extent necessary to preserve the historic value and significance of the property. Where a qualifying property is located in the unincorporated area, the exemption shall apply to the countywide operating and unincorporated municipal service area (UMSA) taxes levied by the County. Where a qualifying taxes levied by the County. The exemption does not apply to taxes levied for the payment of bonds or to taxes authorized by a vote of the electors pursuant to Section 9(b) or Section 12, Article VII of the Florida Constitution. (b) Any person or entity claiming the ad valorem tax exemption provided under subsection (1)(a) above shall file an application for exemption with the Miami-Dade 		

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	for which exemption ownership and use. process the applicatio property meets the specified in Section 19 be amended from the remain eligible for the property remains in	praiser, describing the property a is claimed and certifying its The Property Appraiser shall an and grant the exemption if the conditions and requirements 06.1961, Florida Statutes, as may me to time. The property shall be exemption for as long as the compliance with the conditions scified in the Florida Statutes, as a time to time.		
	(2) Tax exemptions properties.	s for renovations of historic		
	for the Board of Count to allow tax exemption rehabilitation of histor apply to 100 percen improvements to histor restoration, renovation, the effective date of thi only to taxes levied by The exemption does of payment of bonds or to electors pursuant to Sec of the Florida Constitut to personal property. T does not apply to redevelopment area p pursuant to Part III of either the Board of Cou	otions. A method is hereby created y Commissioners, at its discretion, s for the restoration, renovation, or ic properties. The exemption shall t of the assessed value of all oric properties which result from or rehabilitation made on or after s ordinance. The exemption applies Metropolitan Miami-Dade County. not apply to taxes levied for the o taxes authorized by a vote of the ction 9(b) or Section 12, Article VII tion. The exemption does not apply he exemption under this ordinance properties within a community reviously or hereafter established Chapter 163, Florida Statutes, by nty Commissioners of Miami-Dade ning body of any city or other		
	municipality within Mi			
1G2 SUB 161948	B ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE O	F THE BOARD OF COUNTY REM TAXATION; AMENDING COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING THURSDAY MEETINGS OF THE SERVATION CODE; ALLOWING ON JURISDICTION AND ENACT CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PRESERVATION ORDINANCES RESUME JURISDICTION WHERE COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY P, COMPOSITION, AND POWERS CAFF; REVISING PROCEDURES DCESS BY OWNER PETITION, MENDING PROCEDURES AND FORIC PRESERVATION APPEAL ELATED TO CERTIFICATES TO RENOVATIONS TO CERTAIN IT PURPOSES; REVISING AND		

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	REVISIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 161267]			
Notes	The proposed ordinance incorporates amendments to the Miami-Dade County Code (Code) as recommended by			
TURS	staff to streamline and clarify existing procedures. Specifically, the proposed ordinance:			
	• Amends the Rules of Procedure for the BCC so that all Historic Preservation appeal cases will be scheduled			
	for the Thursday meetings;			
	• Adds a provision that gives municipalities the opportunity to become independent from the County's			
	Historic Preservation jurisdiction and enact their own ordinance at any time, provided that they comply with the County's minimal standards;			
	 Municipalities were originally given a window of time to opt-out when the Historic Preservation Ordinance was first written in 1981, and then were offered another one-year period to remove themselves after the last revision in 2003, but no other opportunities have been provided since. 			
	 Introduces procedures to allow the County Historic Preservation Board to address the issues of 			
	municipalities not in compliance, and to revoke their jurisdiction if necessary, as the current Code does not provide any means to take back jurisdiction when a municipality is not complying with the minimum standards;			
	 Includes a provision for a public hearing to be set before the BCC to affirm, modify, or reverse the action of the Historic Preservation Board in revoking a municipality's independent jurisdiction; 			
	• Introduces procedures for the County to be able to take back jurisdiction from a municipality that wants to return it voluntarily;			
	Adds additional professions from which the BCC can select members to the Historic Preservation Board			
	and limits the time a Board Member can serve as chair to two (2) consecutive years;			
	• Provides minimum standards for the term "qualified staff";			
	• Adds powers and duties to the Historic Preservation Board's abilities, which were already being done in practice and are just being formalized in writing for clarification;			
	 These additional powers and duties include the review and approve for submittal to the State or National Register of Historic Places nominations for properties in the unincorporated areas of the County or in municipalities that are not certified; and direct staff to conduct research, provide recommendations to the Historic Preservation Board and conduct workshops or seminars. 			
	• Requires that notices of official surveys to identify historic neighborhoods or structures be provided prior to commencement to the County Commissioner whose district the survey area is in, as well as the local municipal officials, if applicable;			
	 Amends how a designation proposal can be brought to the Historic Preservation Board by an owner petition and further adds language to clarify what constitutes an "owner" in the case of condominiums and cooperative properties. The condominium association board or cooperative association will be the entity to be considered the owner, for the purpose of requesting a historic designation of their property; Clarifies that the Historic Preservation Board has the authority to initiate a designation; 			
	 Clarifies that a historic designation does not prohibit a property owner from requesting alterations, 			
	additions, redevelopment, or the demolition of the property;			
	 Adds language to the existing "Economic Hardship" section, which already includes a definition for what would constitute an undue economic hardship, to provide for a more pertinent submittal requirement for when a claim is due to a property owner not being able to afford a particular type of repair or restoration; 			
	• Provides criteria for the Historic Preservation Board to be able to utilize when considering hardship claims, which do not exist in the current Code;			
	• Clarifies the types of conditions that Staff may include as part of the approved Certificate to Dig when reviewing applications within designated archaeological sites or zones. The current Code does not specify or provide any examples;			
	• Amends the appeals procedures to include who is responsible for scheduling and notices, and dictates that the existing fee for appeals be prescribed by Implementing Order approved by the BCC;			
	• Increases the amount of time an aggrieved party has to file an appeal from 20 days to 30 days; and when an appeal is filed, a moratorium will now be placed on a property and will remain in effect until the appeal has been resolved so that no property may be altered or demolished while a part of an ongoing appeals			
	process;			

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	• Adds language from Florida Statutes 196.1998 to the existing tax exemption for the rehabilitation of historic properties, which the Code now spells out eligibility requirements under Florida Statute 196.1997; and					
	• Adds definitions in the definition section for terms that were used throughout the ordinance, but for which no definition was provided, and also includes minor corrections to spelling and grammatical errors, corrects titles of appropriate staff persons and County department names.					
	The substitute differs from the original in that it specifies that the tax exemption authorized under Section 196.1998, Florida Statutes, when certain historic properties used for commercial or nonprofit purposes are renovated will apply to 25 percent of the assessed value of the property as improved after the renovations. In addition, the substitute clarifies that the tax exemption currently authorized in the Code pursuant to Section 196.1997, Florida Statutes, will continues to apply to 100 percent of the assessed value of the improvements when any historically designated property is renovated.					
	Fiscal Impact Statement: The proposed ordinance does not create a fiscal impact to the County as additional staffing resources or operational costs are not anticipated. The proposed ordinance does not alter the existing ad valorem tax exemption from the rehabilitation of historic properties in any way.					
1G3 161606	ORDINANCE EXTENDING AMNESTY PERIOD CREATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 11-64, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED, FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 12, 2016; EXTENDING A LIMITED EXCEPTION FROM CIVIL PENALTIES AND LIENS FOR BUILDING CODE VIOLATIONS UPON A HOMEOWNER'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, EXCLUSION FROM THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE					
Notes	The proposed ordinance:					
	• Extends the amnesty period created by Ordinance No. 11-64 for an additional year commencing July 12, 2016; and					
	 Extends a limited exception from civil penalties and liens for building code violations upon a homeowner's compliance with the building code. 					
	Fiscal Impact Statement: As a result of continuing to waive penalties and liens previously assessed by the County, a fiscal impact will continue to occur. However, the extent of the fiscal impact resulting from the extension of the amnesty will depend on the number of property owners with outstanding violations that opt to correct the violations and be covered by this ordinance. At this time it is difficult to assess the ultimate fiscal impact.					
	 <u>Additional Information on Relevant Legislation:</u> On August 2, 2011, under Ordinance No. 11-64, the BCC adopted a six-month Amnesty Period, creating a limited exception from civil penalties and liens resulting from Building Code violations upon a homeowner's compliance with the Building Code as a result of the severe economic crisis that existed in Miami-Dade County (the Amnesty Ordinance). Since then, the Amnesty Ordinance has been extended as follows: On July 17, 2012, under Ordinance No. 12-59, the BCC extended the Amnesty Ordinance for an additional year; 					
	 On July 2, 2013, under Ordinance No. 13-61, the BCC extended the Amnesty Ordinance's term to July 12, 2014; 					
	 On July 1, 2014, under Ordinance No. 14-66, the BCC extended the Amnesty Ordinance's term to July 12, 2015; and On May 5, 2015, under Ordinance No. 15-34, the BCC extended the Amnesty Ordinance's term to July 12, 2016. 					
	Additional Information – Report on Amnesty Ordinance No. 11-64: On July 12, 2016, the Mayor issued a report regarding the Amnesty Ordinance No. 11-64. The monthly report provided information on the cases the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) has been able to successfully complete under the provisions of the ordinance through June 2016.					

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		Cases Completed by RER						
	Time Peri	od	Number of		Penalties	Settlement	Relief to Property	
			Cases	and I	iens Owed	Amount	Owners	
	6/1/2016-6/30/201	6	70	\$1,0	97,739.85	\$85,510.19	\$1,015,229.66	
	TOTAL (since 8/2	2/2011)	2702	\$29,7	789,210.59	\$2,265,310.78	\$27,523,889.81	
1G4	ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; AMENDING SECTION 33-20 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE							
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							ERMIT; SHORTENING	
							SECURED; ADDING	
		STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF UNITS; AMENDING SECTION 33-8.1; REMOVING ZONING						
		IMPROVEMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR PORTABLE MINI-STORAGE UNITS; AMENDING						
	SECTION 8CC-10; REVISING CIVIL PENALTIES RELATING TO ALL PORTABLE MINI-STORAGE UNIT VIOLATIONS; REDUCING CIVIL PENALTY FOR FIRST OFFENSES; PROVIDING FOR DELAYED							
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		tive days in al			i a zoning nin	novement permit to	a period not to exceed	
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		· · ·	rtificates of us	e may be	issued for a s	ite during a 12-mon	th period;	
							days total in a calendar	
	yea	ar; and	-		-			
	o Mi	ini-portable s	torage units m	ust be re	moved immed	liately upon issuand	ce of a hurricane watch,	
		nong others.						
			l penalties to e	establish	a \$250.00 per	alty for first offens	e and a \$500.00 penalty	
	-	ent offenses;						
			or first offense	s; and				
	 Provides for 	r delayed enf	orcement.					
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	certificate of use to b						s the issuance fee for the	
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	Section	(Current			Proposed		
	Sec. 33-20. (i)) Portable m	ini-storage un	it. For	(i) Portable	mini-storage unit. F	For the purpose of this	
			this section, th				storage unit shall mean	
			-storage unit				the storage of personal	
		-	le container de	-			eowner's lot, parcel or	
			of personal p				ered to and/or removed	
			on a homeown				truck or other street-	
			and is designe		legal vehicle			
			l/or removed fi		_			
			ite by a truck of	or other			storage unit may be	
		reet-legal veh	icle.		placed on a	fee simple lot, parce	el or tract containing a	
	storage units.							

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item i to.	One temporary portable mini-storage single-family residence, subject to the following					
		y be placed on a fee simple	conditions and limitations:			
		cel or tract containing a	conditions and miniations.			
		amily residence, subject to	(1) The homeowner:			
		ollowing conditions and	(1) The nomeowner.			
	limitatio	6	(a) Has a valid building permit for the major remodeling			
	miniatio	5115.	of, or for a significant addition to, or for damage repair			
	(1) The	homeowner:	to the single-family residence on the lot, parcel, or tract			
	(1) The	nomeowner.	whereon the portable mini-storage unit is requested to			
	(a) has a	valid building parmit for the	be placed; or			
		valid building permit for the remodeling of, or for a	be placed, of			
		ant addition to, or for damage	(b) Is conducting work involving interior improvements			
			that do not require a building permit; or			
		the single-family residence	that do not require a bunding permit, of			
		ot, parcel, or tract whereon table mini-storage unit is	(a) Is using the portable mini storage unit to move			
			(c) Is using the portable mini-storage unit to move			
	requeste	ed to be placed; or	personal items or furnishings to another location; and			
		conducting work involving	(2) The portable mini-storage unit, shall not exceed 8			
		conducting work involving improvements that do not	feet in width, 16 feet in length, and 8 feet in height; and			
		a building permit; or	icer in widen, 10 icer in icigui, and o icer in icigiii, and			
	require	a bunung permit, of	(3) The portable mini-storage unit shall be placed at			
		ing the portable mini storage	ground level, shall be setback a minimum of ten (10)			
		ing the portable mini-storage move personal items or	feet from the front property line and a minimum of five			
		ngs to another location; and	(5) feet from all other property lines, and shall comply			
	Turmsmi	ligs to another location, and	with the safe sight distance triangle regulations; and			
	(2) The	portable mini-storage unit,	with the safe sight distance thangle regulations, and			
		t exceed 8 feet in width, 16	(4) In no instance shall hazardous material be placed in			
		ength, and 8 feet in height;	the portable mini-storage unit; and			
	and	engui, and o reet in neight,	the portable mini storage unit, and			
	und		(5) The property owner shall apply for and obtain a			
	(3) The	portable mini-storage unit	Certificate of Use (C.U.) pursuant to Section 33-8 for			
		placed at ground level, shall	a portable mini-storage unit that will be kept on the			
		ack a minimum of ten (10)	lot/parcel; and			
		n the front property line and	· · · · · · · · · · · ·			
		num of five (5) feet from all	(6) The C.U. for the portable mini-storage unit shall be			
		property lines, and shall	a conditional permit and shall be issued for a period not			
		with the safe sight distance	to exceed 30 consecutive days; and			
	10	regulations; and				
			(7) The C.U. shall be placed in a conspicuous place on			
	(4) In 1	no instance shall hazardous	the portable mini-storage unit so as to be easily readable			
		be placed in the portable	by law enforcement and code enforcement officials;			
		rage unit; and	and			
	(5) The	property owner shall apply	(8) No site may have more than 2 C.U.s issued for a			
	for a	nd obtain a Zoning	portable mini-storage unit within a 12-month period.			
	Improve	ement Permit (ZIP) pursuant	No site may have a portable mini-storage unit for more			
	to Section	on 33-8.1 for a portable mini-	than 60 days total in a calendar year; and			
	storage	unit that will be kept on the				
	lot/parce	el for more than 15 days.	(9) No mechanical, plumbing or electrical installations			
		-	or connections are made to the portable mini-storage			
	(6) The	ZIP for the portable mini-	unit. All portable mini-storage units must be kept in			
		unit shall be a conditional	good, clean, and finished condition, with no visible			
		and shall be issued for a	signs of deterioration, weathering, discoloration,			
		ot to exceed 90 days.	rust, ripping, tearing or other holes or breaks; and			

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		(7) No mechanical, plumbing or electrical installations or connections are made to the portable mini-storage unit.	(10) The portable min-storage unit shall be locked at all times when it is not being loaded or unloaded(11) The portable mini-storage unit shall have clearly				
		(8) The portable mini-storage unit shall have clearly posted on the exterior of the unit, the name, current phone number and address of the company providing the portable mini-storage unit, a copy of the	posted on the explored number and the portable min C.U. permit issued to the portable of the portable min				
		current ZIP permit issued for the mini-storage unit, and the date the portable mini-storage unit was placed at the site.	(12) The conditional C.U. approval may be revoked by the Director at any time should the homeowner's utilization of such temporary portable mini-storage unit result in unsafe or unsanitary conditions on the site or upon violation of any of the conditions or limitations				
		(9) The conditional ZIP approval may be revoked by the Director at any time should the homeowner's utilization of such temporary		diately upon	storage units shall be the issuance of a gency.		
		portable mini-storage unit result in unsafe or unsanitary conditions on the site or upon violation of any of the conditions or limitations stated herein.	issued prior to c and the response days within w	(13) Enforcement. A courtesy warning shall be issued prior to commencing any enforcement action, and the responsible party shall have five calendar days within which to correct the violation. Thereafter, the County may commence appropriate onforcement action			
	Sec. 8CC-10. Schedule of civil penalties.	N/A	Code Section 33-20(i)	Description of Violation Failure to comply with regulations relating to portable mini- storage	Civil Penalty 250.00		
				units First	500.00		
				offense			
2A 161944	AND IMPLEME AND RECOMM	DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOF NT A PROGRAM FOR ELECTRONI ENDATION KITS	C DISTRIBUTION	N OF ZONING I	HEARING AGENDAS		
Notes	The proposed resolution directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare and implement a program providing for the electronic distribution of all zoning hearing agendas, to include an email subscription service.						
	Background: The BCC's legislative agenda items are currently distributed electronically and are provided electronically through an email subscription service. However, zoning hearing agendas, which entail lengthy reports and recommendations, are currently distributed to this Board and to the Community Zoning Appeals Boards primarily through paper copies.						
2B 161876	RESOLUTION I	DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYO NINGS CONCERNING POSSIBLE P					

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	COUNTY PARKS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE BOARD WITHIN 90 DAYS CONCERNING THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INSTALL SIGNAGE WITHIN LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDING IN THE FY 2015-16 AND 2016-17 BUDGETS						
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	 Design signage warning individuals visiting County parks of the possible presence of alligators within bodies of water located in or near those parks; To prepare a report identifying the specific County parks, in order of priority, for which signage is proposed. 						
	 The report prepared by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will additionally identify the fiscal impact associated with the installation of the proposed signage; and The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will provide the report to the BCC within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and will place the completed report on an agenda of the BCC pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. 						
	To the extent sufficient legally available funds exist within the FY 2015-16 budget for the installation of the signs, or to the extent sufficient funds are available in the FY 2016-17 budget when adopted, then the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to utilize that funding for the design and installation of such signage in the order of priority identified in the report.						
	Background:						
	Miami-Dade County, through its Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department owns and operates nearly 300 public parks, many of which include bodies of water, such as lakes and canals, within their boundaries. Dangerous wildlife, including most notably the American alligator, is endemic to the County and may exist in bodies of water within County parks, even though the County has not introduced them into those bodies of water and has not						
2D	otherwise harbored or demonstrated an intent to possess that wildlife within its parks. RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ASSESS THE						
2D 161916	RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR S DESIGNEE TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF: (1) CREATING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION MITIGATION FUND; (2) CREATING A TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM TO FURTHER HISTORIC PRESERVATION; AND (3) USING IMPACT FEES TO ADDRESS HISTORIC PRESERVATION; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1G1 SUBSTITUTE]						
2E 161917	RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR'S ADVISORY WORK GROUP ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO CARRY OUT AND IMPLEMENT SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXTENT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 1G1 SUBSTITUTE]						
Notes	<u>2D – 161916:</u>						
	The proposed resolution directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to assess the feasibility of:						
	Creating a historic preservation mitigation fund;						
	 Creating a transfer of development rights (TDR) program to further historic preservation; and Using impact fees to address historic preservation. 						
	The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will prepare a report regarding the assessment, to include, at a minimum, a recommendation regarding possible implementation. The report will be provided to the BCC within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution, and will be placed on a BCC agenda pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.						
	<u>2E – 161917:</u> The proposed resolution:						
	 Accepts the recommendations from the County Mayor's advisory work group on historic preservation; 						
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	• Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to carry out and implement the recommendation from the advisory work group to the extent funding is available, specifically the recommendations that the County:					
	 Provide an orientation or training for new historic preservation board members; Enforce existing attendance rules and policies for historic preservation board members a it easier to remove members who do not have regular attendance in violation of those r polices; 					
	 Provide a consistent meeting space for the historic preservation board to hold its monthly meetings for the benefit of the public; Consider assigning one new or existing staff person to the County's Office of Historic 					
	 Preservation to aid in staff's work load; and Improve the County Office of Historic Preservation's website so that it is easier for the public to find and access. 					
	 Directs the County Mayor or designee to prepare and provide a report regarding implementation of these recommendations within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution, and place the report on an agenda of the BCC pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65. 					
	Additional Information - Mayor's Advisory Work Group ¹ : In September 2015, the Mayor convened a group of local citizens with experience and expertise in historic preservation to review, and, if necessary, recommend changes to the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The group completed its work in March and their recommendations have been submitted to the BCC.					
2H 161853	RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK TO TRAIN MEMBERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARDS THAT HEAR LAND USE					
	MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD, COMMUNITY COUNCILS, AND COMMUNITY ZONING APPEALS BOARDS, REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION OF SEA LEVEL RISE WHEN CONDUCTING REVIEWS AND HEARING APPLICATIONS, AND TO PREPARE A REPORT					
Notes	The proposed resolution directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to develop a framework for training members of Miami-Dade County boards that hear land use matters and applications, including, but not limited to, the Planning Advisory Board, Community Councils, and Community Zoning Appeals Boards, regarding the consideration of sea level rise when conducting reviews and hearing applications, and to incorporate that framework into the regular training for such boards.					
	After the report required by Resolution No. R-903-15 has been completed and presented on an agenda of the BCC, the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee will provide a report to the BCC within 180 days regarding a framework for training County board members. The completed report will be placed on a BCC agenda pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.					
	Background: On October 2015, the BCC adopted Resolution No. R-903-15, which directed the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to study and make recommendations related to the consideration of sea level rise for both zoning applications and applications to amend the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). More specifically, Resolution No. R-903-15 directed that an analysis be undertaken and that recommendations be provided as to how County staff should address sea level rise in their review and recommendations; what additional staff, expertise, or data may be needed to accomplish this; how the BCC, or other County boards such as the Planning Advisory Board (PAB) and Community Zoning Appeals Boards (CZABs), should consider sea level rise in their decision making, and whether any changes to the Miami-Dade County Code are needed or advisable.					
	The review and assessment called for by Resolution No. R-903-15 is currently in progress.					
2I 161842	RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO INSTALL INFORMATIONAL PANELS AND OFFICIAL MARKERS AT OR NEAR MAJOR COUNTY ROAD					
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¹ <u>http://www.miamidade.gov/planning/mayors-advisory-work-group.asp</u>

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	INTERSECTIONS AND COUNTY FACILITIES AND BUILDINGS WITHIN COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 10 INFORMING THE COMMUNITY THAT THEY ARE IN DISTRICT 10					
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	official markers approved by the Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works at or near selected					
	major County road intersections and County facilities and buildings within County Commission 10 informing the					
	community that they are in District 10. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is further directed to work					
	with the District 10 County Commissioner to select the appropriate locations for the informational panels a					
	official markers.					
2J	RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO AMEND THE					
161841	DESIGN OF THE STANDARD CONSTRUCTION SIGN USED BY ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS PART OF THE COUNTY'S BRANDING AND USAGE GUIDE					
Notes	The proposed resolution directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to amend the design of the stand construction sign approved by the BCC through Resolution No. R-61-12 and used by all County department part of the County's Branding and Usage Guide to include:					
	• A picture, drawing or other rendering of the project, when the project involves a park or building structure;					
	• A brief description of the project; and					
	• A link to a website where residents can obtain more specific information about the specific construction project.					
	Background:					
	On May 11, 2004, the BCC approved Resolution No. R-643-04 requiring that all County departments adhere to the graphic standards outlined in the County's Branding Style and Usage Guide when developing construction signage.					
	On January 24, 2012, the BCC approved Resolution No. R-61-12 selecting a specific construction sign design to be used as part of the County's Branding Style and Usage Guide.					
	Currently the County's construction signs do not provide a description of the project nor a link to where residents can obtain further information about the project.					
	Additional Information on Miami-Dade County Branding Guide ² :					
	The purpose of this guide is to establish and maintain the consistent use of the official County brand across all media and to ensure that material issued by Miami-Dade County, clearly communicates the organization's identity, facts, services and ideas.					
	The basic County brand first appeared in the 1970s. Over the years, it has undergone subtle changes taking its present form in 2010. Today, this symbol and associated elements promotes the many valuable programs and services County government provides for our residents.					
	Basic Elements The basic elements of the County's graphic identity include: • Logo • Typography • Official colors					
	To maintain this graphic identity, it is essential that these elements are never modified and that they are always used					
	in accordance with the approved standards in this manual.					
	 This guide specifies the editorial and graphic standards for Miami-Dade County. It sets forth the principals that help Miami-Dade County achieve four necessary and sometimes difficult-to-reconcile objectives: A Miami-Dade Countywide editorial style that ensures consistency and accuracy in internal and external communications; 					

² <u>http://www.miamidade.gov/branding/</u>

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	 A distinctive and unifying institutional identity that reflects the image and character of Miami-Dade County and that is consistent throughout the range of publications and among all audiences; A level of production excellence that will satisfactorily convey to audiences Miami-Dade County's standard of quality of; and 					
	Maximum economy with each dollar of our respective publishing budgets.					
3A 161708	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 2901 COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 196.1997 AND SECTION 16A-18 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND RECORD COVENANT; AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN					
3B 161709	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 6261 COLLINS AVENUE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 196.1997 AND SECTION 16A-18 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND RECORD COVENANT; AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN					
3C 161710	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 940 OCEAN DRIVE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 196.1997 AND SECTION 16A-18 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND RECORD COVENANT; AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN					
3D 161711	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HISTORIC PRESERVATION AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 350 OCEAN DRIVE, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 196.1997 AND SECTION 16A-18 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AND RECORD COVENANT; AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN					
Notes	Pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 196.1997 and Section 16A-18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the proposed resolutions authorize the Historic Preservation ad valorem tax exemption for the following properties.					
	Fiscal Impact The annual amount of ad valorem taxes to be exempted for the ten-year period is determined by applying the countywide operating millage against the taxable value of the qualifying improvements to the property. The ad valorem tax exemption is not applicable to other taxing authorities.					
	The estimated tax exemptions were provided by the Property Appraiser. However, the annual value of the tax exemption during the ten-year period may fluctuate based on adjustments to either the countywide operating millage or the Property Appraiser's taxable value of the qualifying improvements to the property. Countywide operating ad valorem property taxes will still be assessed and collected on the remaining taxable value that did not qualify for the exemption. Following the ten-year incentive period, the County will begin to assess and collect the countywide operating millage on the full value of the property, inclusive of the previous exempt improvements.					
	Item No.AddressEstimated tax exemption for one (1) year					
	3A 1617082901 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida\$295,982, split between the hotel and seven (7) condominium units within the historic portion.Part of the overall project included the construction of a new condominium tower, which was not included in the exemption calculations. The exemption is limited to the historic hotel and seven (7) condominium units that are either completely or partially within the historic structure. The seven (7) units that are getting an exemption include units 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1404					
	and 1407					

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	3B 161709	6261 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida	\$40,201 Part II of the application indicates that the amount spent by the property owner on the total renovation was \$33,000,000 of which the Property Appraiser's office determined that the taxable value of the qualifying improvements was \$8,614,000.			
	3C 161710	940 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida	\$48,277 Part II of the application indicates that the amount spent by the property owner on the total renovation was \$11,000,000 of which the Property Appraiser's office determined that the taxable value of the qualifying improvement was \$10,264,000.			
	3D 161711	350 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach, Florida	\$8,687 Part II of the application indicates that the amount spent by the property owner on the total renovation was \$8,000,000 of which the Property Appraiser's office determined that the taxable value of the qualifying improvements was \$1,861,357.			

Background:

In 1993, the State of Florida legislature approved tax exemptions for historic properties and enabled local governments the option to provide this property tax exemption for eligible historic properties.

The purpose of this legislation is to encourage the preservation of historic buildings by offering an economic incentive to those property owners who take on the responsibility of restoring and maintaining a designated historic structure. The exemption is not for the entire assessed value of the property. The tax exemptions are calculated from what the value of the renovations to the historic property were, and only apply to the countywide portion of the property's tax bill. An exemption may also be granted on the municipal portion of the property tax bill if approved by the respective municipality. Furthermore, all applicants must meet certain criteria as set forth by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, in order for a tax exemption to be allowed, including:

- Certification that the property has been designated historic by the applicable preservation board;
- Certification that the property has received approval for the improvements by the applicable preservation board; and
- A determination that the planned improvements are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

To obtain the County's ad valorem tax exemption, Part I of the application (construction plans) must be submitted prior to construction to ensure adherence to the rehabilitation standards. When the project is complete, the owner/applicant must submit Part II of the application (post-construction documents) along with a signed covenant. The local preservation officer must also review and authorize the work for Part I and Part II of the application.

Upon review and approval of Part II, the item can then be placed on the County's Historic Preservation Board agenda. The Property Appraiser prepares the Revenue Implications Report when they consider the project substantially complete, and provides this report to the County's Office of Historic Preservation. The tax exemption is calculated using the millage rate for the year in which the project was completed.