

MITIGATION POLICY FOR PROPOSED DEMOLITION OR SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Mitigation is a process used to moderate adverse effects by documenting the property before it is lost or significantly altered.

This policy shall apply to Properties listed on the local and state register, Properties on the Local Inventory of Historic Properties, and Properties eligible for listing on the Lacey Historic Register.

When city staff becomes aware of a Historic Property that may be moved from its original or current site, demolished or significantly altered (hereinafter "action"), mitigation shall be initiated, in accordance with the levels A - C. If the Property is on the Lacey Historic Register, the action must be reviewed by the Lacey Historical Commission in accordance with LMC 16.53.040, prior to mitigation.

Level C: Properties eligible for the Lacey Historic Register. The Property should meet criteria for determining designation in LMC 16.53.030.

1. A written report shall contain the following information:
 - A. Name of Structure
 - B. Location (street, city or vicinity, county, state)
 - C. Parcel number and legal description
 - D. If available, copies of images of the building from an earlier period
 - E. Date of construction
 - F. Bibliographic citation for historic views
 - G. Images taken with a digital camera having a high resolution.
2. Required images:
 - A. Each exterior elevation (minimum of four) with indication of scale.
 - B. Close-ups of historical architectural elements or features.
 - C. Significant interior spaces or elements.
 - D. Setting (surrounding area, buildings, street)
 - E. Images should be taken three months or less than the date of action.
 - F. For significantly altered buildings post-alteration images must be taken.
3. Images must be accompanied by the following documentation:
 - A. Brief description of view, including compass orientation
 - B. Day, month, and year of view
 - C. Photographer's name
 - D. Name of photographer's firm, if applicable

Level B: Properties on the Local Inventory of Historic Properties

1. Documentation should include all of the items in Level C plus:
 - A. Original inventory form, with comparative analysis.
 - B. Complete stylistic and/or architectural description of the resource including documentation of changes that have occurred over time
 - C. Description or architectural and/or associative significance using reliable sources
 - D. Contextual information, which equates the significance of the property
 - E. Original and current function
 - F. History of conveyance (ownership) and occupancy
 - G. Name and biographical information of architect and/or builder

Level A: Properties on the Local Register of Historic Properties

1. Documentation should include all of the items in Level B plus:
 - A. Maps, including location map, parcel map, and plat map.
 - B. Aerial photograph
 - C. The application for nomination, with comparative analysis.
2. An interpretive marker should be considered for display on the site after action.

The report and images should be added to the permanent collection in the Lacey Museum, and a copy offered to the appropriate state agency.