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MPC and HDBR Seek Public Comments on Proposed Revisions to the Savannah Historic District Ordinance (Section 8-3030)

The Metropolitan Planning Commission and Historic District Board of Review are seeking public comments on proposed revisions to the Savannah Historic District Ordinance. There will be an Open House on March 21st from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Mendonsa Hearing Room at 112 East State Street.

The Historic District Board of Review will hold a Special Called meeting on March 28th at 2:00 to review and receive additional public comments.

Please visit www.thempc.org to review a draft of the proposed revisions.

The purpose of the proposed revisions is to: 1) correct typographical errors; 2) clarify definitions; 3) add/revise standards to address changing technologies; 4) allow 'R' zoning districts outside the Landmark District to qualify for a bonus story; 5) strengthen the bonus story criteria, particularly in regards to the 'active use' criterion; 6) add additional standards for large scale development; 7) provide the Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) some flexibility in the strict application of certain standards; 8) strengthen the standards applicable to Monumental Buildings to ensure the protection of the Oglethorpe Plan; 9) revise the boundaries of the "Factors Walk Character Area" to reflect the historical boundaries of Factors Walk; and 10) require that amendments to the Historic District Ordinance are reviewed by the HDBR in addition to MPC and City Council.

If you can't attend the meetings but have questions or would like to comment, there are several ways to participate:

- Email comments to harrise@thempc.org
- Mail comments to Historic Preservation Department, 110 East State Street, Savannah, GA 31401
- Call Ellen Harris at (912) 651-1482

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