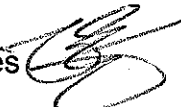




City of Palm Springs  
Department of Planning Services

Memorandum

**Date:** January 10, 2012  
**To:** HSPB Board Members  
**From:** Craig A. Ewing, AICP, Director of Planning Services   
**Subject:** Secretary of Interior Standards and Guidelines – Draft Resolution

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As requested at the last meeting, staff has prepared a draft resolution for the Board's consideration which recommends to the City Council adoption of "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings" for use in evaluating and approving Certificates of Approval.

The Board may take any appropriate action regarding the draft resolution.

**Attachments:**

1. Draft Resolution
2. "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings"; electronic copy forwarded by e-mail.

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OF THE HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT "THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES, WITH GUIDELINES..." FOR THE EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8.05 OF THE PALM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Chapter 8.05 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code establishes standards and procedures for the designation and preservation of historic sites, including the creation of the Historic Site Preservation Board (Board); and

WHEREAS, the preservation of designated historic sites is implemented through the issuance of Certificates of Approval, as approved by the Board, and subject to consideration of the following factors:

1. *The historic value and significance, or the architectural value and significance or both, of the structure and its relation to the historic value of the surrounding area;*
2. *The relationship of the exterior architectural features of any structure to the rest of the structure itself and to the surrounding area;*
3. *The general compatibility of exterior design, arrangement, texture and material which is proposed by the applicant;*
4. *Archaeological or ecological significance of the area.*

and

WHEREAS, the Historic Site Preservation Board has determined that additional guidance in the use and consideration of the above factors is necessary and desirable to assure that the highest standards of preservation are upheld in the preservation and use of historic properties in the City; and

WHEREAS, that the Board has reviewed the United States Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings ("Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines") and determined:

- (1) The Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines is a comprehensive and complete guide to historic preservation;
- (2) These standards and guidelines assure a full understanding by owners, architects, designers, and preservationists regarding the issues associated with the treatment of historic buildings; and
- (3) These standards and guidelines would aid the evaluation and consideration by the HSPB of the factors associated with issuing Certificates of Approval.

THE HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION BOARD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

SECTION 1: The Board recommends that the City Council recognize and adopt the "Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings" as the official standards and guidelines for the issuance of Certificates of Approval for historic properties under Section 8.05 of the Palm Springs Municipal Code.

SECTION 2: The Board also recommends that the City Council direct the staff and the Board to use the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines in the evaluation and consideration in the factors associated with Certificates of Approval.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2012.

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ATTEST:

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Craig A. Ewing, AICP, Board Secretary