



Legislation Text

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Ordinance - Third and Final Reading of an Ordinance Approving an Historic Landmark Overlay District Classification for the Property Located at 301 W. Broad Street; Art Wright, City Historic Preservation Officer on Behalf of Manuel and Elva Hernandez, Property Owners (ZC#19-013)

To consider the proposed Historic Landmark Overlay District classification

The Historic Landmark Commission held a public hearing on September 12, 2019, and voted 6 to 0 to recommend approval.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on September 16, 2019 and voted 7 to 0 to recommend approval.

Staff recommends approval

On July 22, 2019, the City Council approved a Historic Mansfield Preservation Grant to assist the restoration of the Gaulden-Baskin House, built c. 1900. In September 2019, five of the six aluminum windows were replaced with more appropriate wood windows using preservation grant funds. In keeping with the terms of the grant, the homeowners have applied for an H, Historic Landmark Overlay District classification.

The property is currently zoned SF-7.5/12, Single-Family Residential District. The addition of the Overlay District will not change the existing residential zoning.

In considering whether to recommend approval of the Historic Landmark Overlay District designation, the following should be considered:

1. Although the house has been altered, the simple gabled form is typical of the period.
2. The house is located on one of the historic blocks of W. Broad Street and is representative of buildings of its era.
3. The house is identified with a person or persons who contributed to the development of the City of Mansfield.

Upon designation as a Mansfield landmark, the Historic Landmark Commission will review and approve any future restoration, alteration or maintenance on the exterior of the house. This review ensures that the work is done in a manner that preserves the historic character of the building and that the changes are consistent with the City's historic preservation guidelines. The homeowners have been advised of the obligations attached to a property with a historic landmark designation.

The house is described in the Tarrant County Historic Resources Survey, 1990, as follows, with additional information from "The History of Mansfield, Texas," 1996, and the records of the Mansfield Historical Museum:

R.A. Gaulden bought this parcel in 1891 and constructed the house around 1900. J.N. Baskin, a farmer who moved to Mansfield from Webb, bought the property in 1917 and lived there until his death in 1939. The house may have been added to, and its simple gabled form is typical of the period.

Robert A. Gaulden (1829-1911) served as a private in the Union Army from 1864 to 1865. As a property owner in 1890, Mr. Gaulden was a signer of the Original Town of Mansfield plat to incorporate the City of Mansfield. He served as Mansfield's postmaster from 1897-1905, and was an 1892 charter member of the Mansfield I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 138.

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