

CHARLESTON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Historic Preservation Regulations History

- April 14, 2014: The Planning Commission established the Historic Preservation Committee to implement the Comprehensive Plan Cultural Resources Element goals and strategies, including:
 - Protecting Historic African American Communities from development that is not consistent with their character or historic culture.
 - Preserving structures that are important to the history of Charleston County.
- HPC Goals:
 - Update the County's Historic Resources Survey (completed via SHPO grant in 2016).
 - Revise the County's Historic Preservation requirements (Charleston County Historic Preservation Ordinance adopted August 21, 2018).

Charleston County Historic Preservation Ordinance

- Sets up a Historic Preservation Commission, consisting of nine members appointed by County Council.
- Establishes a *Designation of Historic Property* process for County Council to create a list of locally significant historic properties and districts (voluntary process – property owner(s) must sign the application). Protects designated properties/districts by requiring approval of the Historic Preservation Commission for proposed subdivisions and development of properties located within 300 feet of locally designated properties/districts (public review process)
- Creates a *Certificate of Historic Appropriateness* process by which proposed changes to County-designated and NRHP-listed Historic Properties and Districts can be reviewed and determined by the Commission.