

**2.58A Title.** This article shall be known as the “Cultural Heritage Ordinance.”

**2.58B - Purpose.** The purpose of the Cultural Heritage Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare by providing for the identification, protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of improvements, buildings, structures, signs, objects, features, sites places, landscapes and areas representing the City’s architectural, artistic, cultural, engineering, aesthetic, historical, political, social, and other heritage for the following reasons:

**(a) Sense of Place**

- (1). To preserve, maintain, and safeguard the City’s heritage and character as embodied and reflected in the sites, structures, and neighborhoods that serve as significant reminders of the city’s social, educational, cultural and architectural history and;
- (2). To foster civic and neighborhood pride, a sense of identity based on the recognition and use of Cultural Resources, and continuity of the city’s historic character, scale and small town atmosphere in all future construction; and;
- (3). To encourage maintenance and preservation of areas that are associated with a historic event, activity, or persons that contribute to the historic character of districts, neighborhoods, landmarks, historic structures, and artifacts.

**(b) Physical Setting**

- (1). \_\_\_\_\_ To preserve diverse and harmonious architectural styles, reflecting phases of the City’s history and to encourage complementary contemporary design and construction and;
- (2). \_\_\_\_\_ To identify as early as possible, and resolve conflicts between the preservation of Cultural Resources and alternative land uses and;
- (3). \_\_\_\_\_ To conserve valuable material and energy resources by ongoing historic or adaptive new use and;

**(c) Education**

- (1). \_\_\_\_\_ To promote the use and enjoyment of private and public historic structures, districts, and Cultural Resources as appropriate for the appreciation, general welfare, and recreation of the people of the City;
- (2). \_\_\_\_\_ To foster pride in the ownership of City historic or Cultural Resources;

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- (3). To encourage public knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of our cultural and environmental heritage;

(d) Economic

- (1). To stabilize and enhance neighborhoods and property values and increase economic and financial benefits to the City and its inhabitants;
- (2). To adopt incentives that promote the preservation and rehabilitation of historic structures.