

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JANUARY 17, 2023 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>A resolution to extend the duration of the temporary moratorium for three (3) months on the issuance of Demolition and Exterior Building Permits in the Central High Neighborhood Historic District of Little Rock.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Planning & Development Department</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p>FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>A resolution to extend the duration of the temporary moratorium for three (3) months until April 19, 2023, on the issuance of Demolition and Exterior Building Permits in the Central High Neighborhood Historic District of Little Rock, which encompass the area east of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Drive, south of 12th Street, west of Jones Street and the South Park Street below Wright Avenue and north of West Roosevelt Road.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>The Central High School Neighborhood Historic District has become an endangered historical resource suffering from demolitions, property neglect, and inappropriate alterations and is now in jeopardy of losing its national designation on the National Register of Historic Places. For this reason, pursuant to A.C.A. § 14-172-207, the City of Little Rock Planning & Development Department & Historic District Commission are in the process of proposing the creation of a Local Ordinance District to protect the historical assets of the Central High School Neighborhood Historic District.</p>
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**BACKGROUND
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On July 19, 2022, the Board passed Resolution No. 15,736, to declare a six (6)-month moratorium set to end January 19, 2023, on the issuance of Demolition and Exterior Building Permits in the Historic District to protect the District from further loss while a Local Ordinance District was considered. The City passed a resolution to set a public hearing date for the first regular agenda in February 2023 to consider the Local Ordinance District.

An extension to the moratorium is proposed in an effort to provide appropriate consideration for the Local Ordinance District and avoid unintended consequences to the Historic District during a gap in protection.