

RESOLUTION NO. 1111-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL REPEAL CHAPTER 14.01 (HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE) OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND RECOMMENDING THE COUNCIL INTRODUCE AND ADOPT A REPLACEMENT CHAPTER 14.01 TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDED UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A; AND RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT B (CODE-0758-2025)

WHEREAS, the Cultural Heritage Committee of the City of San Luis Obispo held a public hearing on September 29, 2025, to review proposed amendments to the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Context Statement and recommended the Planning Commission recommend adoption and approval of the updates to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo conducted a public hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California on October 22, 2025, to review and make recommendations to the City Council of San Luis Obispo regarding updates to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Context Statement; and

WHEREAS, the recommended updates to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Context Statement are Phase 1 of the Council authorized Historic Resources Inventory Update project (Project) and provides updated significance criteria and guidance for the Phase 2 of the Project, which will include review and update of the existing Historic Resources Inventory and surveys for new potential historic resources; and,

WHEREAS, notices of said public hearing were made at the time and in the manner as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has duly considered all evidence presented by City staff and public commentors at said hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission of the City of San Luis Obispo as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. Based upon all the evidence presented, the Planning Commission makes the following findings:

1. The proposed updates to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Context Statement are consistent with and implement Land Use Element

Implementation Policy 12.4 since the updates support the review and identification of historic resources.

2. The proposed updates are consistent with and implement General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element Goal 3.2 since the proposed amendments update the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Context Statement, which provide the framework and guidance for the determination of properties that are historically significant.
3. The proposed amendments are consistent with and implement General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element Policy 3.3.1 by updating documents that are used to identify significant historic resources.
4. The proposed amendments are consistent with and implement General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element Program 3.6.1 by assisting the Cultural Heritage Committee with the identification and development of information on historical resources.
5. The proposed amendments are consistent with Certified Local Government requirements from the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) to keep and maintain an updated historic resources inventory based on the criteria of a local ordinance.

SECTION 2. Environmental Review. The recommended updates to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Context Statement consist of actions by a regulatory agency authorized by the state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, or protection of the environment, and are therefore categorically exempt from environmental review (Section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

SECTION 3. Recommended Actions. The Planning Commission does hereby recommend the City Council:

1. Introduce and adopt an ordinance repealing Chapter 14.01 of the Municipal Code (Historic Preservation Ordinance) in its entirety and replacing it with the updated Chapter 14.01 consistent with modifications from existing as shown in the attached Exhibit A.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the updated 2025 Historic Context Statement as shown in the attached Exhibit B.

On motion by Commissioner Cooley, seconded by Commissioner Kahn, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioner Cooley, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Kahn, and Chair
Houghton
NOES: None
REFRAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Jorgensen, Commissioner Munoz-Morris, and Vice Chair
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The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 22nd day of October, 2025.



Tyler Corey, Secretary
Planning Commission