



Legislation Text

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Ordinance Establishing the Proximity Print Works, Cone Finish Plant, 1700 Fairview Street, as a Guilford County Landmark

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Council District: 2

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PURPOSE:

Conduct a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation for the Proximity Print Works, Cone Finish Plant, located at 1700 Fairview Street.

BACKGROUND:

The City has received a recommendation from the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission to designate the Proximity Print Works, Cone Finish Plant, 1700 Fairview Street a Guilford County Historic Landmark. The proposed designation includes interior common areas, exterior facades of the mill buildings, and the 18.2 acre site.

Proximity Print Works was constructed in stages beginning in 1913 by the Cone family. It is important because of its association with the textile industry in Greensboro. It was the first textile printery in the South and allowed Cone Mills to print cloth locally. The mill is an example of the diversification and evolution of the southern textile industry. Proximity Print Works is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Landmark designation makes property owners eligible for a deferral of up to 50% of City and County property taxes. Savings from the tax deferral could help offset the cost of restoring and maintaining the structure's many exterior architectural features. Before a Landmark property can be materially altered or demolished the owner must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission. Demolition cannot be prevented but it can be delayed for up to 365 days.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The total appraised value of the property is \$853,400. The tax deferral would be calculated by the Guilford County Tax Department based on the percentage of the structure and property that is designated.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

Following the public hearing, Council is requested to adopt the ordinance establishing Landmark Designation for Proximity Print Works, 1700 Fairview Street.

