



# City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal Building  
300 W. Washington Street  
Greensboro, NC 27401

## Legislation Text

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Public Hearing for an Ordinance Designating the Frank and Minnie Lyon Leak House, 909 North Elm Street, Owned by Jeffrey Segal, Giraffe Neck, LLC, a Guilford County Historic Landmark

Council Priority: Create an Environment to Promote Economic Development Opportunities and Job Creation; and Maintain Infrastructure and Provide Sustainable Growth Opportunities

Department: Planning  
Council District: 3

Public Hearing: Yes  
Advertising Date/By: September 3, 10, 2020/City Clerk

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### **PURPOSE:**

A public hearing is required in order to consider the Landmark application for the Frank and Minnie Lyon Leak House.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City has received a recommendation from the Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission for designation of the Frank and Minnie Lyon Leak House as a Historic Landmark. The designation will include the entire exterior of the house and the entire interior of the house based on features noted in the application.

The Frank and Minnie Lyon Leak House is considered one of the most intact and architecturally distinctive Colonial Revival residences in the Fisher Park Historic District. Designed by noted Greensboro architect James Henry Hopkins, the red brick house with its stepped parapets and classical porticoes, resembles colonial Tidewater Virginia plantation houses.

Landmark designation provides protection for the historic property through the Certificate of Appropriateness process. In return, the owner is eligible for up to a 50% deferral of City and County property taxes. The property tax savings is seen as a way to offset the high cost of restoring and maintaining historic buildings. Landmark designation helps preserve Greensboro's irreplaceable historic resources while adding to our reputation as a heritage tourism destination.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

The tax deferral would be calculated based on the percentage of the building that is designated. The tax value of the building is \$504,500.

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Planning Department recommends and requests approval of the ordinance designating the Frank and

Minnie Lyon Leak House as a Historic Landmark.