



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing for an Ordinance Designating the Wilbur and Martha Carter House 1012 Country Club Drive, Owned by Daniel and Kathy Craft, 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
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PURPOSE:

A public hearing is required in order to consider the Landmark application for the Wilbur and Martha Carter House.

BACKGROUND:

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

Constructed in 1951, the Wilbur and Martha Carter House is a rare example in Greensboro of a Modernist residence influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian houses. It was designed by Greensboro's most renowned Mid-century architect, Edward Lowenstein.

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 the city's 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 total assessed value of the property is \$830,400.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

The Planning Department recommends and requests approval of the ordinance designating the Wilbur and Martha Carter House as a Historic Landmark.

