

ORDINANCE 20 - 2012

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF READING CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 4 BUILDINGS PART 1 HISTORIC DISTRICTS BY ADDING THE HEIGHTS CONSERVATION DISTRICT

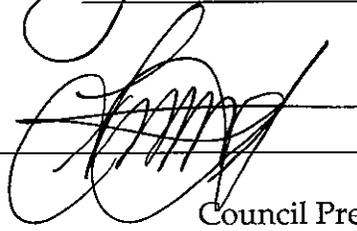
NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Amending the City of Reading Codified Ordinances Chapter 4 Buildings, Part 1 Historic Districts by adding The Heights Conservation District as attached.

SECTION 2. All other parts of the Ordinance remain unchanged.

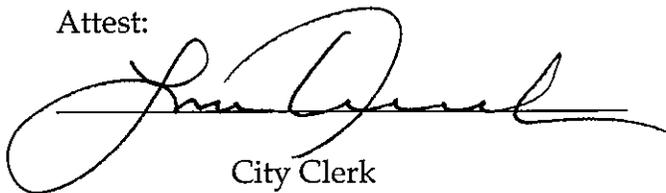
SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

Passed Council June 25, 2012

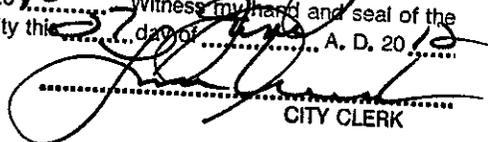


Council President

Attest:


City Clerk

(Council Staff/HARB)

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 25 day of June, A. D. 2012. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 27 day of June, A. D. 2012.

CITY CLERK

Submitted to Mayor: 

Date: 6/26/12

Received by the Mayor's Office: 

Date: 5/26/12

Approved by Mayor: [Signature]

Date: 5/26/12

Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

PART 1 HISTORICAL AND CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

§4-103. Scope

The Historic Preservation Part of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania, regulates and restricts the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or razing of any building, structure, site or object within a designated historic or conservation district, in whole or in part, and prescribes certain procedures relating to the issuance of permits for such properties.

§4-105. Boundaries

2. The Conservation District.

A. Heights Conservation District. The Heights Conservation District is hereby created and described verbally as follows:

All that certain district, tract, area, or piece of land intended to be known as the “Heights Conservation District” as shown on a map bearing the same title, consisting of parcels held in separate ownership generally located between Thirteenth Street and Oak Lane, from Rockland Street southwardly to Hampden Park, situated in the City of Reading, County of Berks, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the centerline of Hampden Boulevard (50 feet wide) at its intersection with the northern property line of 2020 Rockland Street, produced and extended; thence, southwestwardly along the centerline of Hampden Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Richmond Street (30 feet wide); thence, southeastwardly along the centerline of Richmond Street to its intersection with the City of Reading boundary line; thence, southwestwardly along the City of Reading boundary line to its intersection with the centerline of Oak Lane (35 feet wide); thence, southwestwardly along the centerline of Oak Lane to the northern property line produced and extended, of 1303 Oak Lane; thence, southeastwardly along the northern property line of 1303 Oak Lane to its intersection with the City of Reading boundary line; thence, southwestwardly along the City of Reading boundary line to its intersection with the southern property line of 1303 Oak Lane; thence, northwestwardly along the southern property line of 1303 Oak Lane, produced and extended, to a point on the centerline of Oak Lane; thence, southwestwardly along the centerline of Oak Lane to its intersection with the southern property line of 1151 Oak Lane, produced and

extended; thence, southeastwardly along the southern property line of 1151 Oak Lane to the southeast property corner of 1151 Oak Lane; thence, **southwestwardly by the approximate bearings and distances of the area of Hampden Park as follows: southwestwardly 531 feet to the intersection of the City of Reading boundary line; thence, southwestwardly 951 feet; thence, westwardly 260 feet; thence, northwardly 678 feet; thence, westwardly 150 feet; thence, southwestwardly 560 feet, produced and extended to a point on the centerline of North Thirteenth Street (50 feet wide), more precisely described in deed book 2108, deed page 1416;** thence, northwardly along the center line of North Thirteenth Street to its intersection with Hampden Boulevard; thence, northeastwardly along the centerline of Hampden Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Robeson Street (35 feet wide); thence, westwardly along the centerline of Robeson Street to its intersection with the western property line of 1100 North Thirteenth Street, produced and extended, such line also being the eastern side of a 15 foot wide alley; thence, northwardly along the same by various courses and distances along the western property lines and their connections of Nos. 1100, 1102, 1104, 1106, 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1132, 1134, 1136, 1138, 1140, 1142, and 1164 North Thirteenth Street, produced and extended, to a point on the centerline of Marion Street (35 feet wide); thence, westwardly along the centerline of Marion Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Twelfth Street (35 feet wide); thence, northwardly along the centerline of North Twelfth Street to its intersection with centerline of Perry Street (35 feet wide); thence, eastwardly along the centerline of Perry Street to its intersection with the western property line of 1300 North Thirteenth Street, produced and extended, such line also being the eastern side of a 10 foot wide alley; thence, northwardly along the same by various courses and distances along the western property lines and their connections of Nos. 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1308, 1310, 1312, 1314, 1316, 1318, 1320, 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, and 1330 North Thirteenth Street produced and extended; thence, extending northwardly along the same, crossing Pike Street (35 feet wide) and by various courses and distances along the western property lines and their connections of Nos. 1400, 1408, 1410, 1412, 1414, 1416, 1418, 1420, and 1430 North Thirteenth Street produced and extended, such line also being the eastern side of a 15 foot wide alley; thence, extending northwardly along the same, crossing Amity Street (35 feet wide) and by various courses and distances along the western property lines and their connections of 1500, 1502, 1506, 1508, 1510, 1512, and 1518 North Thirteenth Street, such line also being the eastern side of a 15 foot wide alley, produced and extended to a point on the centerline of Union Street (35 feet wide); thence, westwardly along the centerline of Union Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Twelfth Street; thence,

northwardly along the centerline of North Twelfth Street to its intersection with the centerline of Exeter Street (35 feet wide); thence, eastwardly along the centerline of Exeter Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Thirteenth Street; thence, southwardly along the centerline of North Thirteenth Street to its intersection with the centerline of Union Street; thence, eastwardly along the centerline of Union Street to its intersection with the centerline of Palm Street (35 feet wide); thence, northwardly along the centerline of Palm Street to its intersection with the centerline of Bern Street (35 feet wide); thence, northwestwardly along the centerline of Bern Street to its intersection with the centerline of College Avenue (50 feet wide); thence, northeastwardly along the centerline of College Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of North Fourteenth Street (35 feet wide); thence, northwardly along the centerline of North Fourteenth Street to its intersection with the centerline of Rockland Street (50 feet wide); thence, eastwardly along the centerline of Rockland Street to its intersection with the centerline of Palm Street; thence, northwardly along the centerline of Palm Street to the northern property line of 1425 Rockland Street, produced and extended; thence, eastwardly along the northern property lines and their connections of 1425 and 1435 Rockland Street, produced and extended, crossing North Fifteenth Street (35 feet wide); thence, eastwardly along the northern property lines and their connections of 1501 and 1515 Rockland Street, produced and extended, crossing Olive Street (35 feet wide); thence, eastwardly along the northern property lines and their connections of 1525, 1535, 1605, and 1615 Rockland Street, produced and extended, crossing Elder Street (35 feet wide); thence, eastwardly along the northern property lines and their connections of 1625, 2001, and 2020 Rockland Street, produced and extended, to a point on the centerline of Hampden Boulevard, being the place of beginning.

§4-107. Required Permits and Certificates.

2. Certificate of Appropriateness.

A. Historic Districts

No permit shall be issued or cause to be issued, for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or razing of any building, structure, or premises, in whole or in part, within a designated historic district until a Certificate of Appropriateness has been issued. Such Certificate shall not be limited to work requiring a building permit according to the presently enacted building code, but shall include all work affecting general design, arrangement, texture, material and color of a structure which can be seen from a public street or way. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: painting; sandblasting; chemical cleaning; stucco or other applied textures; replacement or major repair of windows, cornices, trim or

other nonstructural elements; signs; and other work affecting any building, structure or premises.

B. Conservation Districts

- (1) No permit shall be issued or cause to be issued, for new construction and additions to buildings or structures, including a porch or porch enclosure, that impacts the streetscape within a designated conservation district until a Certificate of Appropriateness has been issued, unless specifically listed as exempt below.
- (2) Demolition activity impacting the streetscape, including demolition of any character defining porch, balcony, deck, cornice, dormer or roof, shall require the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness, unless specifically listed as exempt below.
- (3) The following activities shall not require a Certificate of Appropriateness:
 - a. Demolition or construction of any building or structure not visible from a public right-of-way.
 - b. Maintenance, repair, or alteration of a building or structure or part thereof.
 - c. Installation of appurtenances and accessory elements of a decorative or ancillary nature, regardless of visibility from a public street, including but not limited to the following:
 - i. Storm windows and doors, awnings and shutters.
 - ii. Signs, banners and flags.
 - iii. Downspouts and gutters.
 - iv. Flower boxes, light fixtures and mailboxes.
 - v. Heating or cooling units, including solar heating fixtures.
 - vi. Fences, walls not exceeding four feet in height, gates, arbors and trellises.
 - vii. Antennas and satellite dishes.
 - viii. Other ancillary or decorative elements.
 - d. Demolition of any structure deemed by the Building Official to be in imminent danger of failure or collapse and where the Building Official orders the demolition in order to protect public health, safety and welfare.

§4-111. Reading Board of Historical Architectural Review.

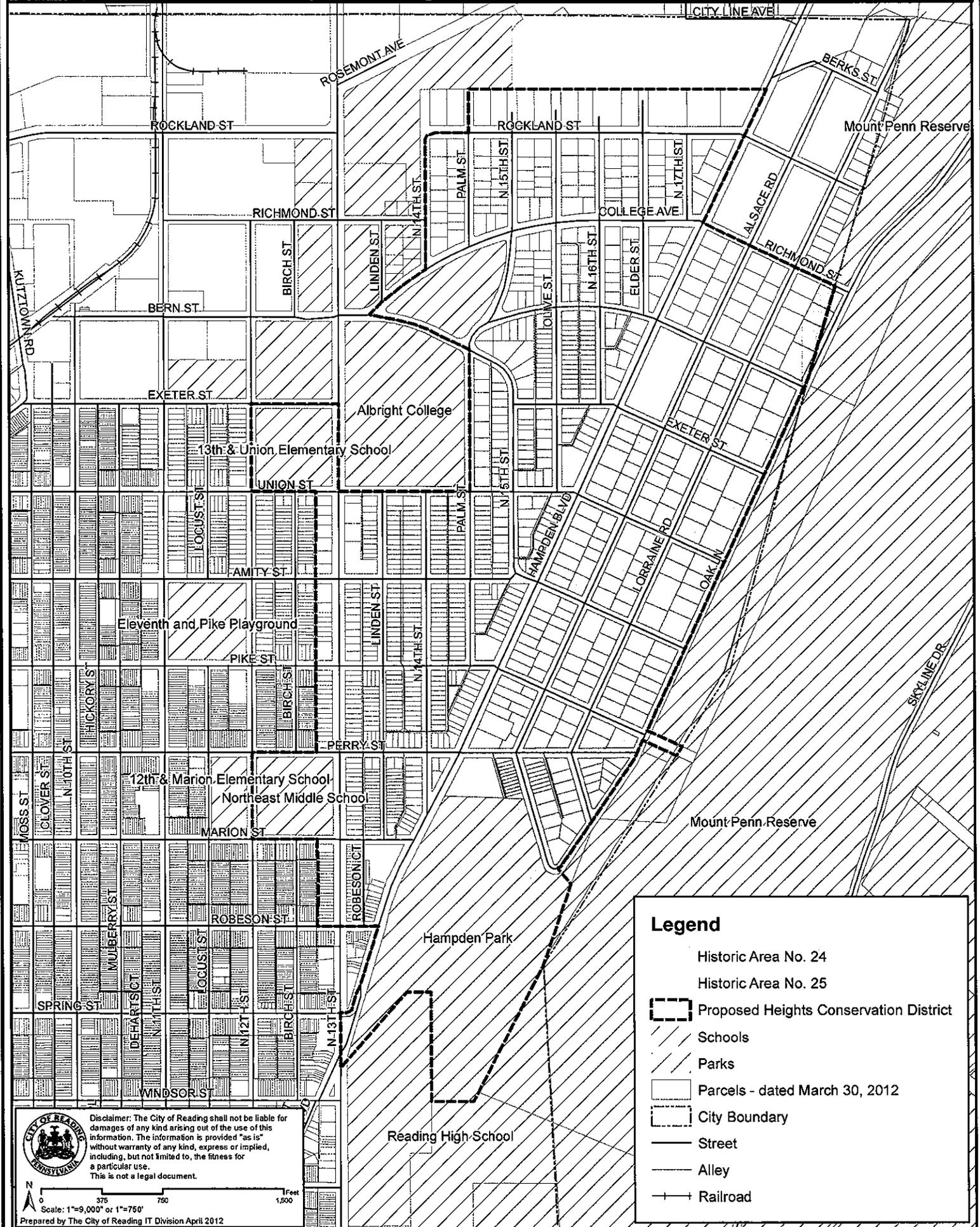
The Board of Historical Architectural Review is hereby created:

A. Membership and Terms.

- (1) The Board shall be composed of eleven members, appointed by City Council; one of whom shall be a registered architect, one a licensed real estate broker, one a person with knowledge of the building trades, one who is either a resident of or owner of property within the Callowhill

Historic District, one who is either a resident of or owner of property within the Prince Historic District, one who is either a resident of or owner of property in the Centre Park Historic District, one who is either a resident of or owner of property within the Penn's Common Historic District, one who is either a resident of or owner of property within the Heights Conservation District, and three who have knowledge of or interest in the preservation of historic buildings and districts.

Proposed Heights Conservation District



Legend

- Historic Area No. 24
- Historic Area No. 25
- Proposed Heights Conservation District
- Schools
- Parks
- Parcels - dated March 30, 2012
- City Boundary
- Street
- Alley
- Railroad

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Scale: 1"=9,000' or 1"=750'

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