

Sacramento Preservation Commission
AD HOC Minimum Maintenance Committee

Over the years the City of Sacramento has lost some historic properties to neglect or to demolition because of their deteriorated condition. In an effort to help conserve these valuable historic resources, the Preservation Commission has formed an AD HOC Minimum Maintenance Committee.

Goal(s)

- Strengthen existing minimum maintenance ordinance and enforcement to better protect abandoned and/or neglected historic properties at risk

Objectives

Short Term

Identify objectives that can be implemented with existing resources and at no extra cost to City.

- Develop, establish, and coordinate clear definitions, applications, and economic criteria
- Develop tools to better coordinate administrative actions and responsibilities (at city and county levels)
- Develop relationships and coordination actions with other partners who may be of assistance, such as SHRA
- Increase code enforcement effectiveness
- Prompt attention to problem properties
- Avoid chronic repeat cases or long term violations
- No reduction or waiving of fees by any department, agency, or agent of the City
- Provide training to employees and education to public

Future Considerations

- Ordinance Language Revisions
 - Incorporate legal teeth into historic preservation ordinance
 - Review and compare code sections for updating and better coordination of historic preservation ordinance and code enforcement ordinance
 - Review process and decision making criteria
- Responsibilities
 - Take necessary steps and minimal measures to protect properties
 - Identify and facilitate ways to take control of problem properties
 - Establish time frame for compliance
- Penalties
 - Strengthen consequences of failure to remedy a violation – increase penalties, including fee to city revolving fund
 - Levy fines and appropriate measures to force compliance
 - Levy fines/penalties in ways that cause timely repercussions

Sacramento Codes reference: <http://www.qcode.us/codes/sacramento/>

- Historic Preservation: Title 17, Division V, Chapter 17.134
- Dangerous Buildings Code: Title 8 (Health and Safety), Chapter 8.96
- Housing Code: Title 8 (Health and Safety), Chapter 8.100
- Buildings and Construction: Title 15