CITY OF LENOIR

COUNCIL ACTION FORM
June 16, 2026

I. Agenda Item:

Public Hearing to consider ordinance amendments relating to the Historic Preservation Commission.

II. Background Information:

The Planning Board has served as the City's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) since the commission was established in 2019, in accordance with NCGS 160D-303(b), which requires that at least three members have a demonstrated special interest or expertise in historic preservation or related fields such as history, architecture, or anthropology. The proposed ordinance amendments would re-establish the HPC as a separate five-member board. Currently, five Planning Board members who meet the required qualifications are willing to continue serving on the re-established commission.
The City of Lenoir also intends to participate in the Certified Local Government program to strengthen its partnership with state and federal preservation efforts. To qualify for this program, all members of the HPC must have the required demonstrated interest in historic preservation.

The Historic Preservation Ordinance amendments are included.

III. Staff & Planning Board Recommendation:

Planning Board recommends approval of the ordinance amendments.

IV. Reviewed by:

City Attorney: _____

Finance Director: _____

Hannah Williams

Planning Director:__ _____