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	SUBJECT	COUNCIL BILL 21-0178 – Tax Credits – Historic Properties – Definition of “Historic Property”		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400
100 North Holliday Street

The Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation staff is in receipt of City Council Bill 21-0178 – Tax Credits – Historic Properties – Definition of “Historic Property” for the purpose of expanding the definition of “historic property” in City code Article 28, subsection 10-8.

CHAP Executive Director recommends an **Amendment** to City Council Bill 21-0178. In Section 9-204.1 of the Tax-Property Article of the Maryland Code only allows a tax credit for the following:

1. a property listed individually on the National Register of Historic Places, or a national register historic or landmark district;
 2. a property or district designated as a historic property or district under local law; or
 3. a property included within the boundaries of a certified heritage area under § 13-1111 of the Financial Institutions Article; and
- (ii) for a property or district under paragraph (3)(i)1 or 2 of this subsection, determined by the local historic district commission to be compatible with local historic preservation standards.

This enabling legislation does not allow the local jurisdiction to define a historic property as a “structure built at least 50 years ago as confirmed by CHAP.” **Therefore**, CHAP suggests that the council deletes “Structures built at least 50 years ago as confirmed by CHAP” and replaces it with a **property included within the boundaries of a certified heritage area**.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Holcomb, Executive Director, at 410-371-5667.