

Historic Overlay Zone Guidelines

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PROJECT INFORMATION

- A CLG grant is funding this project
- The purpose is to develop historic overlay zone guidelines for Naches Avenue
- The project area extends along both sides of Naches Avenue, from E Race north to E "H" Street, inclusive the City-owned parkway

HISTORIC OVERLAY ZONE BOUNDARY

Boundary shown in blue

- Naches Avenue including the parkway
- Parcels along both sides of Naches Avenue
- Overlaps multiple existing zoning districts







HISTORIC CONTEXT

Yellow: historic overlay district area

Blue lines: former irrigation ditches



HISTORIC CONTEXT

- 1890-1897, construction along the avenue
- 1900-1920, significant development

All photographs courtesy of the Yakima Valley Museum



Naches Avenue, ca. 1909.



Road crew paving Naches Avenue, 1908.

Naches Avenue, houses fronting, undated.



Naches Avenue, prior to paving, with irrigation ditch, undated.



HISTORIC CONTEXT

- 1920s, multi-family housing increase
- By 1930s, development largely complete along N Naches Avenue
- 1950s, increase in multifamily housing
- 1971 Yakima Mall opened



Naches Avenue, lighting standard and irrigation ditch, undated.



Naches Avenue, colorized post card, undated.



Naches Avenue, just north of East F Street, undated.



Naches Avenue, during winter, undated





Historic Overlay Zone, Historic District



WHAT IS AN OVERLAY ZONE?

- It is a special zone placed over an existing zoning district or a combination of districts
- It provides additional regulations and/or incentives to protect a specific resource or encourage specific development

HISTORIC OVERLAY ZONE

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HISTORIC DISTRICT

- Historic overlay zones (this project) typically regulate fewer features and focus on more significant characterdefining features related to infill, such as lot size, building height, setbacks, streetscapes, and street tree protection
- Historic districts (Yakima Register) typically involve a higher level of existing building exterior and site regulation, and focus on specific architectural features
- Historic districts often have a higher concentration of historic resources

WHAT DOES A HISTORIC OVERLAY ZONE DO?

Used to address specific or complex local conditions or interests

Differ from neighborhood to neighborhood depending on the area's character and needs

Zoning tool used to manage change to areas significant to the community beyond what is specified in the standard code





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Historic Overlay Zone



HOW ARE BOUNDARIES DETERMINED?

- Previous surveys
 - DAHP project no. 2020-02-01472
 - DAHP project no. 2021-01-00498
- Unique characteristics
 - 1885 plat for the town of North Yakima
 - Significance as a unique roadway and landscape feature within the city
 - Development patterns along the avenue unique within Yakima as they shift from grand houses to increased housing density with middle income and multiple-family dwellings
 - Arterial function of the street supported by its proximity and connection to the downtown core



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A NACHES AVENUE HISTORIC OVERLAY ZONE?







WHAT IS HISTORIC CHARACTER BASED ON?



BUILDING FUNCTION

Residential

- Commercial/Medical
- Social/Religious





Gable Front and Wing 801 N Naches (ca. 1911)



Gable Fronter 612 N Naches (ca. 1901)



I-House 716 N Naches (ca. 1910)



Bungalow 411 S Naches (ca. 1910)





Foursquare 601 S Naches (ca. 1901)



Low-rise Apartment Block 415 N Naches (ca. 1925)



Workingman's Foursquare 508 S Naches (ca. 1905)



Ranch 613 S Naches (ca. 1951)



Low-rise Apartment Block 9 S Naches (ca. 1930)

Courtyard Apartments 113 S Naches (ca. 1949)



Courtyard Apartments 516 S Naches (ca. 1957)



Bungalow Court 511-513 S Naches (ca. 1920)



NACHES Avenue

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Median and trees



Roadway and median



Sidewalks and curbs



Railroad crossings







Type A, light standard



Type B, light standard



Memorials





Property Owners, Residents, Developers





EXISTING BUILDINGS

 Contributing & Noncontributing
Demolition protection



LANDSCAPE

Street trees Parkway

INFILL CONSTRUCTION

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NEXT STEPS

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