

**TO:** City of Naperville Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Reid Bateman and Penny Chase  
49 S. Mil Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

**DATE:** July 12, 2022

**RE: JULY 19, 2022 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**REVISIONS TO ORDINANCE CODE: CHAPTER 11 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION, 6-11-3  
DESIGNATION OF LANDMARKS**

Dear Mayor and Council,

Penny and I have lived in Naperville for 46 years. We are grateful to have owned and raised our children in two homes in the middle of town (225 S. Columbia and 49 S. Mill Street) and have an appreciation for living with “old things in an old house”.

In January I applied to serve on the City of Naperville’s Historic Preservation Commission, and we are Charter Members of Naperville Preservation, Inc. Recently we became aware of their position against a proposed change to our local Landmark Ordinance by the City Council (Municipal Code 6-11-03) that would require a property owners consent for local Landmark status. We were not asked to voice our opinion to their Board about this change, which is the purpose of this letter.

We strongly support the proposed change that would require a Property Owner’s consent for approval of Landmark status; and, based upon our understanding of building code restrictions currently in place for properties that lie within the local Historic District, we would also support the option of requiring the owner’s approval of Landmark status for all single family property that is not in the local Historic District.

We whole-heartily support incentives that encourage preservation of older structures, awards and recognition programs, educational resources for property owners, and efforts that foster an appreciation of our community’s history.

Sincerely,

  
Reid Bateman

  
Penny Chase

**Cc:** Becky Simon, President of Naperville Preservation, Inc.  
Doug A. Krieger, City Manager  
Kathleen Russell, City Planner; Liaison to Naperville Historical Preservation Commission