



Re: Proposed temporary tolling of time limits of Landmark Preservation demolition postings

We are requesting to temporarily toll time limits set forth in the Landmark Ordinance (Chapter 30 of the DRMC) associated with demolition and Certificates of Demolition Eligibility. Due to COVID-19 and associated public health requirements, many communities who are interested in pursuing a historic designation application have had to rethink their approach to consensus-gathering, research, and other important aspects of this process. Section 30-6(1)(b)(ii-iii) and Section 30-6(1)(c)(ii-iii) of the DRMC has the following timeline requirements that we would like to toll through August 2, 2020:

- Landmark staff must send public notifications and post notice on a property for 21 days following the receipt of a demolition application or a Certificate of Demolition Eligibility application if we find that the building has potential to be an individual landmark.
- Three Denver residents may submit a Notice of Intent to file a designation within that 21-day posting period, which extends the posting to a total of 60 days.
- If a Notice of Intent is received, a facilitated stakeholder meeting must take place within 40 days of the initial posting.
- A designation application may be submitted to CPD following the stakeholder meeting but within 60 days of the initial posting.
- If a designation application is received by CPD as part of this process, the property must be designated within 90 days of the receipt of the complete designation application.

We request that the timelines outlined above be tolled for properties that are actively posted and any properties that are found by Landmark staff to have potential to be an individual landmark through August 2, 2020. This temporary tolling of deadlines will give the community time to adapt and plan for different collaborative tools such as virtual meetings and online surveys rather than door-to-door surveys or in-person meetings. It also provides more time to work with librarians at the Western History Collection of the Denver Public Library to access historic records and photographs; the library is currently closed to the public.

It is anticipated that this proposed tolling of deadlines may affect a handful of properties at the most. All demolition applications and Certificate of Demolition Eligibility applications would still be evaluated by Landmark staff within 10 business days to determine whether the property has potential to be an individual landmark structure. If it does not have potential to be an individual landmark, as we find with approximately 96% of applications received, we would approve the demolition or Certificate within our required review period. Applications for all buildings that have potential to be landmarks would be paused until we resume postings on August 3, 2020.