

Offered by Councilors Kenzie Bok and Edward Flynn



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOSTON CODE, ORDINANCES, SECTION 7-3, BAY VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHEREAS: Bay Village was one of the first neighborhoods of Boston created on landfill in the 1820s and 1830s, prior to the Back Bay and South End, including many brick structures in Federal Period, Greek Revival, and Victorian styles that were later raised, alongside the streets, to a greater height above the water table in 1868; *and*

WHEREAS: The Bay Village Historic District was established by the Boston City Council in 1983, under the provisions of the Historic District Act, General Laws, Chapter 40C and Chapter 772, Acts of 1975; *and*

WHEREAS: Since 1983, the Bay Village Historic District Commission has stewarded the history of this treasured neighborhood, with its longstanding artisan tradition and its important role in the development of Boston's movie distribution industry; *and*

WHEREAS: The members of the Bay Village Historic District Commission and the Bay Village Neighborhood Association have jointly endorsed the following small updates to the ordinance, to allow for more cohesive review; *and*

WHEREAS: Preserving and celebrating Boston's rich history as embodied in the built environment of its neighborhoods is important to the city's unique identity for both visitors and residents alike; **NOW**

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSTON, AS FOLLOWS:

City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 7-3.5, is hereby amended by striking said section and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 7-3.5 Exemptions to Review: The Authority of the Commission is not extended to the review of the following:

1. Temporary structures or signs, subject however, to such conditions as to the duration of use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the Commission may reasonably specify in the standards and criteria.
2. Ordinary maintenance or repair of an architectural feature which involves no change in design, material or outward appearance thereof.
3. Construction, reconstruction, alteration or demolition of any such feature which the Building Commissioner shall certify is required by the public safety because of an unsafe or dangerous condition.
4. The Boston Redevelopment Authority shall administer the development of Urban Renewal Parcel R-7 in accordance with the September, 1980 Developers Kit (The Guidelines) for this parcel, whose guidelines are incorporated herein by this reference. This exemption shall terminate upon completion of development, and the completed building and associated property shall then be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction in all respects.