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Mr. Mayor and Council members,

I am writing this letter to voice concerns about general ordinance number 2,2025 coming before you on 07/10/2025. I do not stand opposed to the creations of historic districts in our city. We do have some wonderful architectural examples throughout the city and some beautiful historic neighborhoods i.e., Edgewood Grove, Farrington Grove and Collett Park. My concern comes from looking over the ordinance and addressing investors, developers and landlords maintaining these areas, however, I see zero protections for owner occupied primary residences. Protecting the integrity and history of our city is an inherently good thing, but if we offer no protection to the people who truly live in our community are your constituents truly being served? If we have people who want to buy into our community as a vacation stop or a place to make quick and easy real estate money, we absolutely should take steps to maintain the city that we call home. Is it also not our objective to look out for our community and not put undue pressure on our most vulnerable population? This ordinance does not consider the widowed pensioner who can with the passage of this ordinance be forced into a historic zone and required to do maintenance per the commission's decision that may be out of her budget? I have brought this point up before in a meeting about this subject and the response was snickers and the comment of "this is the opposition that we will face." Again, I am not opposed to the premise of this. I am opposed to this being pushed through without a vote from the people that it has the potential to impact and with no protection to the individuals and families that have called these residences home. The spirit of this ordinance is sound, but the current layout seems to be heavy handed and as opposed to enriching our community it can hurt individuals and families.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah & Tabetha Sellers