



## SPOKANE CITY | COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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Dear Property Owner:

The City of Spokane, at the request of the Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council, initiated a project to prepare a nomination of the Browne's Addition Historic District to the Spokane Register of Historic Places earlier this year. This mailing is intended provide the information you need about the project, as your property will be included in this nomination. The enclosed flyer provides an overview of the project and the workshops listed below will provide a forum to learn more about and contribute to the nomination effort.

Listing of the Browne's Addition Historic District on the local register would help protect the historic nature of the neighborhood while providing incentives for property owners. The project includes developing design standards that will be the framework for decision making in the district. The intent of the framework will be to support the historic character of buildings and the district. While change will be reviewed, it will not necessarily be opposed.

This framework will be used to review:

- Proposed changes to the exteriors of existing buildings
- Demolition
- New construction

As the studies of the neighborhood, final drafts of the documents for listing on the Spokane Register, and design standards are completed this fall, you will be invited to read them on these websites:

<http://www.historicspokane.org/pro-brownes> or <https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneHistoricLandmarks>

We understand that you will have questions about how the design and demolition review will work in Browne's Addition. We have scheduled the workshops below to provide additional information, gather community input, and answer questions:

**Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00, Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture, Gilkey Room**

**Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00, location to be determined**

We look forward to seeing you at these workshops as you become familiar with the local district project. Additionally, your comments and questions are always welcome at the regularly scheduled Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council meetings.

As a property owner, you will be asked to vote in support of the district in 2019. In order to be listed on the Spokane Register, the City Historic Preservation Office will need to receive 50% plus 1 "yes" votes for the nomination and then forward the nomination to the City Council for adoption. Whether you approve or disapprove of the nomination, we highly encourage you to vote! Each owner of a developable property within the district will receive one ballot for each developable property they own. A lack of response from any property owner will be counted as a "no" vote against nomination.

The neighborhood council initiated this project in hopes that successfully listing the neighborhood on the Spokane Register will manage growth while maintaining a diverse, historic area – one in which residents take particular pride and interest.

Sincerely,

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