

BILL NO. BL2018-1417 (O'CONNELL, ALLEN, & OTHERS) – This ordinance would amend the Metropolitan Code of Laws to allow public interior spaces to be afforded Historic Landmark protection.

Section 17.36.110 would be amended by creating a new Metro Historic Zoning Commission preservation tool -- Historic Landmark Interior -- which would allow property owners to designate and protect the character of a historic public interior. The ordinance, if approved, would formally add a new subsection designating Historic Landmark Interiors (HI) Districts. This would require that no HI interior feature be constructed, altered, repaired, relocated or demolished in whole or in part within an interior space unless it complies with the specific provisions in Sec. 17.36.120.

Sec. 17.36.120 would be amended by adding a new subsection for the regulation of Historic Landmark Interiors Districts, defined as the public interior space of a building or structure of high historical, cultural, and architectural value; where alteration, demolition or destruction would constitute an irreplaceable loss to the quality and character of Nashville and Davidson County; and that meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Associated with an event that made a significant contribution to local, state, or national history;
2. Associated with lives of persons significant in local, state, or national history;
3. Embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;
4. Is a historic landmark; or
5. Is listed or is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Section 17.36.100 would be amended by adding a reference to interior design to the existing purpose of the Historic Overlay District portion of the Metropolitan Code.

This proposal has been approved by the Planning Commission.