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Welcome to this special issue of The Preservationist, an e-publication of [Historic Augusta, Inc!](#) This newsletter contains information about upcoming programs and projects of Historic Augusta, Inc. and the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson.

Historic Augusta Advocates for Preservation and Reuse of 2 Historic Downtown Buildings



The Court of Ordinary, built c. 1860, on the left and the Children of Israel Synagogue, built 1869, on the right.

Earlier this year, Historic Augusta became aware that both the Court of Ordinary and the Children of Israel Synagogue on Telfair Street are proposed for demolition, as new construction is completed on the Municipal Building campus. Without a master plan to guide decision making and optimize

[Click here to Sign the online petition to save both the Court of Ordinary and the Children of Israel Synagogue](#)

Exemption of City Properties Proposed for Historic Preservation Ordinance



Remaining on the agenda is the proposed amendment to the [Historic Preservation Ordinance](#) that will exempt any city owned properties from being required to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness through the [Augusta Historic Preservation Commission](#) before demolishing or altering any properties under city ownership.

The immediate result could be the

existing usable square footage and potential traffic concerns, the buildings are targeted again by some city officials.

The synagogue was placed on Historic Augusta's Endangered Properties List in 2013 to advocate for rehabilitation of the property after city departments vacate the building. In December 2013, the Historic Preservation Commission approved the removal of non-historic 20th Century additions to the Court of Ordinary with the original building remaining in-place for repurposing.

Historic Augusta staff, board members, and concerned citizens have attended several Public Services Committee and Augusta-Richmond County Commission meetings to show solidarity in saving these two significant and irreplaceable 19th Century historic resources. We ask that you contact your commission member to voice your support for the preservation and repurposing of both buildings before the next Public Services Committee Tuesday May 26th at 1pm and the next full commission meeting, June 2nd at 2pm.

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demolition of the Temple at 525 Telfair Street, and the adjacent 1860s courthouse annex. We need as many people to come to the commission meeting as possible to show opposition to this overreach by the city commission, effectively removing themselves from the same rules that the citizens must follow.

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We are on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)!

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