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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 Historic Downtown Buildings



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

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.

[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](#). City-owned properties will still be exempt from obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness through the [Augusta Historic Preservation Commission](#) before

UPDATE:

The actual cost of selective demolition (removing the non-original additions to the Court of Ordinary building) is an additional \$31,078. This is a significant reduction from the original estimate of \$206,000.

The city administrator developed three options for the commissioners to consider:

1. Save the Synagogue only and allow Historic Augusta to work with the new Jewish museum organization to develop a five-year restoration, fundraising and operational plan with certain deadlines to be met. The building would be leased by Historic Augusta from the city in that five-year period, and then deeded to the museum at the end.
2. Save both the Synagogue and the Court of Ordinary. Historic Augusta would pay the \$31,078 difference to cover the extra cost for the selective demolition.
3. Demolish the Court of Ordinary, its additions, and the synagogue buildings.

Historic Augusta is urging the commissioners to choose Option Two.

Contact your commissioner to voice your support for the preservation and repurposing of both buildings before the next full commission meeting, June 2nd at 2pm.

demolishing or altering any properties under city ownership; However, the new amendment would require a 45-day notice to allow the Historic Preservation Commission to review and comment on proposals to make exterior changes, demolish existing buildings owned by the city, or the design of new construction.

The immediate result could be the 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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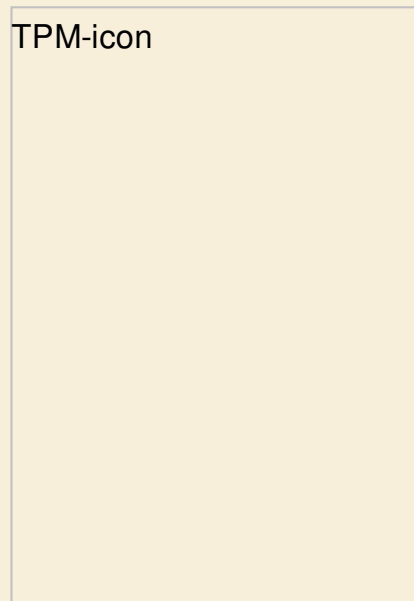


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Why Do Old Places Matter?

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The National Trust for Historic Preservation's popular *This Place Matters!* campaign returned during the month of May for National Preservation Month. The goal of this campaign is to document historic resources across the country.

We want to know why Augusta's historically and architecturally significant sites and buildings matter to you! Use the hashtag #HistoricAugusta year-round when sharing your photos and stories.

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

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has released a photo essay and series of posts to help you verbalize an answer to the question "Why Do Old Places Matter?"

A few reasons are:

[Continuity](#)

[Memory](#)

[Individual Identity](#)

[Beauty](#)

[History](#)

Read more articles online [here](#). The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a great resource to use when coming up with ideas for why Augusta's history matters. Use #ThisPlaceMatters for a chance to be featured on their [social media stream](#).

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