



CLARK COUNTY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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MEMO

To: Historic Preservation Commission
From: Jacqui Kamp, Planner III
Date: December 31, 2019
Subject: Clark County Courthouse – New front sign proposed

The Clark County Courthouse, built in 1941, was listed to the National Register of Historic Places and Washington Heritage Register in 2014. The building was designed by local architect Day Walter Hilborn in the Art Deco/Art Moderne style popular for public construction projects in the New Deal era of the 1930s and 1940s. The building is also significant as the seat of county-level government and politics in Clark County, which is the oldest county in the state of Washington.

The Superior and District Court have been working to upgrade signs in and around the courthouse to increase readability and way finding. They would like to replace the exterior sign in front of the building where 12th and Franklin meet. The original sign was installed in the courthouse upgrade in the mid-1980s has faded and over the years has become less visible. They are proposing to update the existing sign in the same size but with a different color background.

The Historic Preservation Commission typically has no regulatory review requirements for properties on the National Register of Historic Places, however I asked if I could present it to you as an FYI and to see if the commission had any comments or concerns.

Please see below the existing sign and the proposed “modified” sign.

existing sign



modified sign



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