

## Amy Lacy

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**To:** Amy Lacy; Town Council Email Group  
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**Subject:** Ordinance for Historic Preservation \*OPPOSED\*

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed ordinance that would allow for the creation of a Zionsville Historic Preservation Commission.

In my view, it is an unacceptable infringement on personal property rights with no discernible upside to the community at large. Such an ordinance would unnecessarily burden Zionsville property owners by subjecting them to an extra layer of regulation, which would add time and expense to their projects; as well as Zionsville town officials, who would be compelled to comply with any requests for information by an appointed Commission.

I understand adding new ordinances to insure things like public health or safety, but seeking to regulate what others see when using a sidewalk or driving by on the street does not reach that bar. We already have zoning and building standards in place. I don't see how this proposed ordinance would be additive to Zionsville's already-thriving real estate market.

Further, it has been suggested by those in favor of such a Commission that those in opposition are "misinformed" or simply "don't understand the issue". I find that line of thinking to be offensive, and I believe it is an early indication of the potential conflict that implementing such an ordinance could engender. I urge you to vote against expanding local government in this way.

Thank you.

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