

# HICKORY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 REPORT

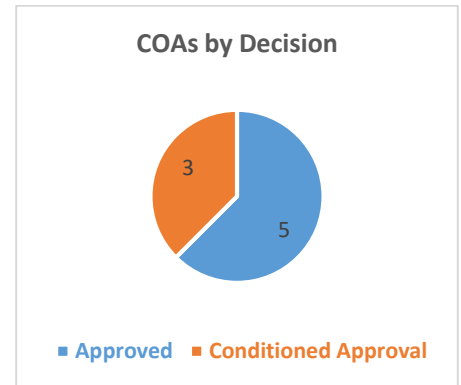
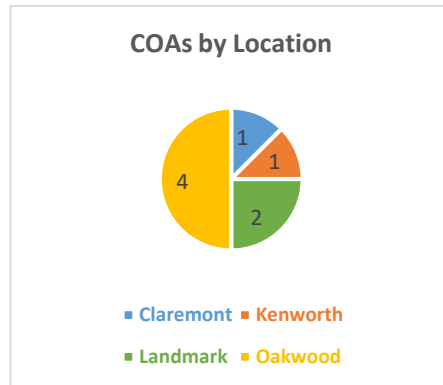
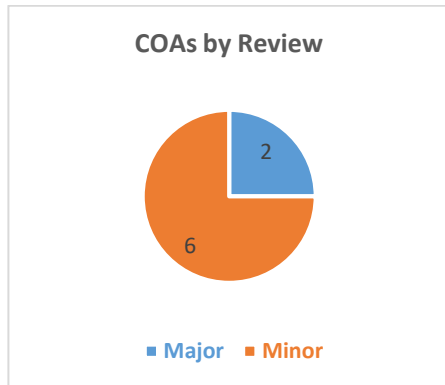
### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission is to safeguard the heritage of the City by preserving properties, which embody important elements of its cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<p><b>Celebration of Hickory's 150<sup>th</sup></b> The City of Hickory turned 150 in 2020. As part of the celebration, the city's Communications staff, with the help of HPC staff, have been holding "Fun Fact Fridays" each week on social media. Every Friday, the city has highlighted the history of notable historic properties.</p>	<p><b>Oakwood Historic District Signage</b> After the expansion of the Oakwood NRHD in 2019, the HPC secured funding additional signage to demarcate the newly designated historic area. Signage is expected to be installed by late 2020.</p>
<p><b>Design Review Guidelines Update for 5G</b> In response to state and federal legislation, the HPC updated its Design Review Guidelines in August 2019 to address the deployment of the next generation of wireless technology, known as 5G, in and around local historic properties.</p>	<p><b>Bronze Plaque Program</b> In addition to signage needs, the HPC also secured funds to increase the capacity of the bronze plaque program, so that all interested and eligible property owners could obtain a plaque at a reasonable cost.</p>
<p><b>Hyalyn Porcelain History Book</b> The HPC funded a request to create a history book on Hyalyn Porcelain, a Hickory based pottery company that manufactured pieces that were sold around the United States. The book is expected to be released in 2021.</p>	<p><b>Continued CLG Designation</b> The City of Hickory has been a Certificate Local Government since 1986. In June 2020, the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office affirmed that the HPC has continued to fulfill its CLG requirements.</p>

### CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS



### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Historic Properties Commissioner</b> Katherine Mull, Chair	<b>Building Trades Commissioner</b> Simon Lucas	<b>At Large Commissioner</b> Dan Rink
<b>Historic Properties Commissioner</b> Kim Menzies	<b>Licensed Architect Commissioner</b> Ernie Sills	<b>Youth Council Representative</b> Emily Greene
<b>Historic Properties Commissioner</b> Dan O'Malley	<b>At Large Commissioner</b> Mary Moorer	<b>Staff to the HPC</b> Ross Zelenske, Senior Planner
<b>Building Trades Commissioner</b> Dale Rockensuess, Vice Chair	<b>At Large Commissioner</b> Sam Hunt	<b>Secretary to the HPC</b> Anne Starnes, Minutes Clerk

### CONTACT

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