

Introduced by: Councilmember Clay

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2011-36**  
**Adopting Design Guidelines for Commercial Buildings**  
**in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council, wishing to further the economic vitality of Old Town and Takoma Junction and to preserve the architectural character of the area, adopted legislation requiring the review of all proposed new construction and facade improvements within these established commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, the Façade Advisory Board (FAB) conducts the reviews and provides guidance to the Historic Preservation Commission as it considers the issuance of Historic Area Work Permits; and

WHEREAS, *Design Guidelines for Commercial Buildings in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland*, prepared by the FAB, build upon the design standards detailed in Title 8 Business, Chapter 8.40 Commercial District Facade Regulations in the *Takoma Park Code*; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines set forth design recommendations and communicates the process by which regulated improvements to commercial properties are reviewed; and

WHEREAS, these Guidelines are intended to assist business and property owners, as well as design professionals in preserving and enhancing the architectural character of the commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, these Guidelines are intended to benefit commercial buildings of all types, in all areas of the City of Takoma Park. However, they are especially beneficial for commercial buildings that lie in the Takoma Park Historic District; and

WHEREAS, these Guidelines address various issues including new construction, alterations, additions, setbacks, massing, storefronts, and signage; and

WHEREAS, the FAB has recommended the adoption of the *Design Guidelines for Commercial Buildings in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND that the *Design Guidelines for Commercial Buildings in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland* is adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this adoption becomes effective immediately.

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2011.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk