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Gary Christenson, Mayor

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The Honorable City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for your consideration in amending the Delay Before Demolition or Alteration Ordinance found in Title 4.24, Code of the City of Malden, Chapter 4, of the City's Revised Ordinances of 2020. The amendments serve to facilitate the administration of the ordinance, reflect current City protocols while also incorporating recommendations of the State Historical Commission.

Since the ordinance was adopted in 2018, Malden's Historical Commission has reviewed dozens of petitions that triggered the application of this ordinance. As a result, the Commission has had the opportunity to administer the provisions and requirements firsthand. Based on this experience, they have come to realize which sections of the ordinance need updating and/or more clarification.

Working with our City Planner Michelle Romero and Building Commissioner Nelson Miller, we have come up with the attached amendments that address the concerns of the Historical Commission. The revisions include stated criteria for clarification purposes, new time periods that reflect current protocol and the establishment of fees and fines. In addition, the new provisions codify the current processes being followed by the Commission and petitioners when working together during delay periods.

Again, I would ask that you consider these proposed amendments and, in the meantime, please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Malden

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