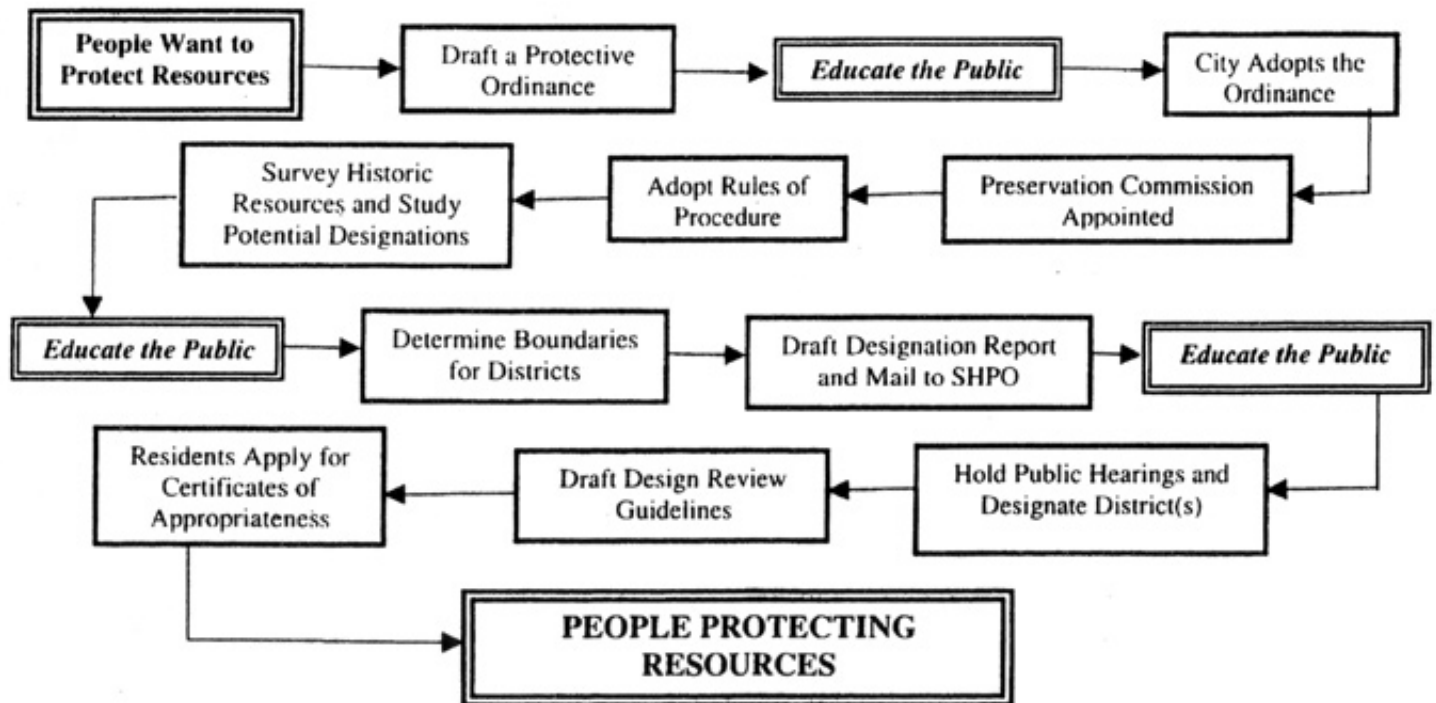


WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

- OR -

HOW DO ORDINANCES WORK?



WHAT IT MEANS TO ADOPT A PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

A PRESERVATION ORDINANCE DOES:

- Provide a municipal policy for the protection of historic properties.
- Establish an objective and democratic process for designating historical properties.
- Protect the integrity of designated historic properties with a design review requirement.
- Authorize design guidelines for new development within historic districts to ensure that it is not destructive to the area's historic character.
- Stabilize declining neighborhoods and protect and enhance property values.

A PRESERVATION ORDINANCE DOES NOT:

- Require permission to paint your house or review color selection.
- Require that historic properties be opened for tours.
- Restrict the sale of the property.
- Require improvements, changes, or restoration of the property.
- Require approval of interior changes or alterations.
- Prevent new construction within historic areas.
- Require approval for ordinary repair or maintenance

** See the flowchart on the reverse side to examine the process establishing an ordinance. **

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