

## **VILLAGE OF PINEHURST**

## VILLAGE COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT:	Development & Other Improvements Within the Pinehurst National Historic Landmark District	Effective: June 9, 2020
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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to describe key National Historic Landmark (NHL) factors that the Village Council will consider when contemplating decisions related to development within the NHL district.

**POLICY:** The Village of Pinehurst is committed to fostering conditions in which our modern Village society and the historic nature of our landmark district can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations.

What is now the Village of Pinehurst was founded by James Walker Tufts in 1895. Our Pinehurst Historic Landmark District was designated a National Historic Landmark just over 100 years later in 1996 and is listed as such on the National Register of Historic Places. Our landmark district is comprised of 766 acres and 500 privately owned properties. The defining historic characteristics of our district are vital and are described in our Nomination document which supported landmark designation. These defining characteristics must be protected.

Federal law does not authorize the National Park Service to regulate or control development or rehabilitation of properties within a landmark district. Instead, it recognizes individual property owners' rights and the authority of local government to regulate development. Village development ordinances and our local Historic District Guidelines accordingly recognize individual property owners' rights and seek to guide congruent development that honors our past, protects critical historic characteristics, observes preservation precepts, and contributes to a high quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

54 U.S.C. § 300101 sets forth Federal Policy with regard to historic preservation. It establishes the policy to "foster conditions in which modern society and our historic property can exist in productive harmony and fulfill the societal, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations." Such harmony is vital to the long-term viability of the historic characteristics we strive to preserve.

When contemplating decisions related to development within the NHL district, Village Council will weigh individual property owner rights, potential impacts on the defining historic characteristics of our district and the need to accommodate modern society in ways that ensure vibrant social use of and appreciation for our landmark district for generations to come.

Approved by:	
John C. Thrickland	June 9, 202
John C. Strickland, Mayor	Date

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