



Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

In reference to House Bill 2018:

The City of Wichita Historic Preservation Board has voted unanimously to oppose the passage of this Bill. It is the feeling of the Board that the environs review provides a necessary and appropriate protection of the existing context of designated historic districts and structures. The environs review provides some protection for investment in neighborhoods where no protective covenants or restrictions are likely to exist. This protection has proven to encourage appropriate development and improvements in both commercial and residential areas since the stakeholders have felt that their projects are not likely to be jeopardized by the uncontrolled action of neighboring property-owners. This protection is, the Board feels, worth the minimal requirement of environs review, in which it is to be hoped that the information received and assistance provided by the design professionals on the Board are more helpful than not.