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Dear Resident/Developer,

Thank you for being an active participant in the growth of the Historical Ashburton community. We would like to inform you that Ashburton is recognized as one of Baltimore's prominent Historic districts as designated by CHAP (Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation).

This designation gives us the opportunity for us to maintain and preserve the Historical fabric of our neighborhood. Our history began in 1924 and has been home to many of Baltimore's prominent African Americans since the 1950's. Former Mayors Pugh, Schmoke and Stephanie Rawlings – Blake all have made there home here as well as other prominent lawyers, doctors and you. We value your homeownership and/or development in our community.

We are a community comprised of approximately 880 homes and over 2400 residents and next year we celebrate our 100-year anniversary of our neighborhood. There are signature characteristics that welcome you into the area which include: distinct architecture, tree-lined streets, apple trees and great neighbors. This distinction and pride in our community is committed to our CHAP district which has guidelines that we must adhere to in order to protect the integrity that was established in 2010. Attached you find the process and steps outlined in order to comply without any penalties or fines.

There has always been a process for approval, however in 2018 we designated a committee which is the new Ashburton CHAP and zoning committee. With this committee, comes a new process which was unveiled in our community meeting in 2018. It includes coming before the Architectural Review Committee before any renovations, modifications and demolition occurs on the exterior of your property. When you initiate the permit process this triggers the process. Our committee will now be alerted of your intent to renovate your property.

The steps for this process are outlined on the attached process page document attached or feel free to email the Ashburton Housing and Zoning Committee at [AshburtonCHAPReview1920@gmail.com](mailto:AshburtonCHAPReview1920@gmail.com) for further instructions. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month and all are welcome to attend to view the process or apply for approval.

Thank you for choosing Ashburton as your residence and neighborhood of choice!

Sincerely,

John Crew

Ashburton Community

President