

Glen Oaks Conservation District

Objective

Establish Glen Oaks Neighborhood as a Conservation District (CD) to do the following: (1) Combat unwarranted flipping from home buyers and unappealing modification to homes that do not retain the historical or significant characteristics of the architectural design of the homes. (2) Guide new development to proliferate the same character as the existing built environment. (3) If approved, any alterations or new development will require an approved Work Review Form from the city. (4) Give the residences an opportunity to create guidelines that meet the needs and wants of the neighborhood. (5) A tool for preserving affordable housing. (6) Limit gentrification efforts and encourage economic development.

Conservation District

A Conservation District is a zoning tool used to help communities protect certain characteristics in their neighborhood. Conservation Districts have existed in the city of Dallas since 1988. These districts exist primarily in East Dallas and Oak Cliff. They concentrate on protecting such things as architecture styles, densities of the area, heights of structures, and setback guidelines. The process to become a conservation district typically takes 12 – 18 months from the initial authorizing of a study until the adoption by the City Council.

Reason for Petition Form

Requires 50 percent of the property owners within the proposed CD.

Link(s):

- (1) <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/sustainabledevelopment/planning/Pages/Conservation-Districts.aspx>
- (2) <https://dallascityhall.com/departments/sustainabledevelopment/DCH%20documents/pdf/ConservationTotalPacket.pdf>

Volunteers needed to help with the following:

- (1) Obtain pictures of the homes and the year built
- (2) Canvass the neighborhood to collect signatures
- (3) Categorize the homes based on architectural style using:
 - a. A Field Guide to American Houses, The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding America's Domestic Architecture by Virginia Savage McAlester.

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