



## Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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**TO:** Mayor and Commissioners  
**FROM:** Timothy R. Stillings, Development Services Director  
**THROUGH:** Chief Neal de Jesus, Interim City Manager  
**DATE:** March 12, 2019

ORDINANCE NO. 15-19: INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNATING "THE HARDEN-HART HOUSE" AT 516 NORTH SWINTON AVENUE ON THE LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (FIRST READING)

**Recommended Action:**

Approve Ordinance No. 15-19 on First Reading for the Individual Designation of The Harden-Hart House at 516 North Swinton Avenue on the Local Register of Historic Places.

**Background:**

The subject property is located at 516 North Swinton Avenue, on the west side of North Swinton Avenue between Lake Ida Road and NW 6th Street within the Lake Ida Neighborhood. The property contains a circa 1925 single-family residence designed in the Mediterranean Revival style. The complete designation report is attached.

The historical and cultural significance of the structure began with its development, residency by former City of Delray Beach City Manager David Harden and his wife Andrea, as their residence since 1994. Previously, John M. and Eliza Hart built and lived in the home when it was located in West Palm Beach from 1925-1994. The structure was deemed historic when it was located in the City of West Palm Beach but was later slated for demolition as part of the expansion of the Norton Art Museum in the 1990's. The Harden's saved the structure by relocating it in 1994 to its current location at 516 North Swinton Avenue. The structure exemplifies the Mediterranean Revival architectural style popular during the 1930's. Additional details relating to the cultural, historical and architectural significance can be found in the attached staff report and historical designation report.

**Review by Others:**

At its meeting of February 6, 2019, the Historic Preservation Board recommended approval on a 5-0 vote (Harden stepping down and Bright absent).

**City Attorney Review:**

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

**Timing of Request:**

Second Reading is tentatively scheduled for April 02, 2019