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## This Place Matters!

### Lakewood, Ohio

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#### **Historic streetcar suburb passes preservation ordinance.**

Lakewood, Ohio is an early 20th century streetcar suburb located just west of Cleveland along the shore of Lake Erie. Known for its variety of housing stock, for being the most densely populated city between New York City and Chicago, and its walkability, Lakewood became a Main Street community several years ago. In an effort to preserve and protect our great houses, neighborhoods and commercial districts, the administration, City Council and various city boards unanimously supported and passed an historic preservation ordinance during Preservation Month. The ordinance allows the local designation of historic and architecturally significant residential and commercial properties and districts. Located in downtown Lakewood, the Masonic Temple is just one example of a property that is eligible for designation. It is hoped that local designation will also lead to more National Register listings (Lakewood currently has two NR historic districts) and use of available historic tax credits. Those who live and work in Lakewood think THIS PLACE MATTERS!

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