

CHAPTER 24

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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24.01 HISTORICAL COMMISSION CREATED. A Historical Commission is hereby created to promote and encourage historical research; to acquire, by purchase, gift, devise, or otherwise, the title to, or the custody and control of, historic spots and places; to preserve and protect buildings and sites of historic interest; to collect and preserve records, relics, and other things of historic interest; to mark places of historic interest with suitable monuments and markers; to foster and promote public knowledge of and interest in local history.

24.02 STRUCTURE OF COMMISSION.

1. The Commission consists of five (5) members.
2. Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Members shall demonstrate a positive interest in historic preservation.
3. Appointment shall be for staggered terms of three years. Vacancies occurring in the Commission, other than expiration of term of office, shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term of the member replaced.
4. Members may serve for more than one term and each member shall serve until the appointment of a successor.
5. Vacancies shall be filled by the City according to the original selection as aforesaid.
6. Members shall serve without compensation.
7. A simple majority of the commission shall constitute quorum for the transaction of business.
8. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson who shall preside over all Commission meetings and elect a Secretary who shall be responsible for maintaining written records of the Commission's proceedings.
9. The Commission shall meet as needed.

24.03 POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

1. The Commission shall recommend to the City a policy to preserve, research, interpret, and promote public awareness and understanding of local history.
2. The Commission shall make recommendations to the City on historically related matters.
3. The Commission shall perform other functions prescribed by law to further historically related matters to the City.
4. In addition to those duties and powers specified above, the Commission may, with Council approval:
 - A. Accept unconditional gifts and donations of real and personal property, including money, for the purpose of historic preservation;

- B. Preserve, restore, maintain, and operate museums under the ownership or control of the Commission;
 - C. Cooperate with Federal, State, and local governments in the pursuance of the objectives of historic preservation;
 - D. Provide information for the purpose of historic preservation to the Council; and
 - E. Promote and conduct an educational and interpretive program on historic properties within its jurisdiction.
5. The Commission shall not obligate itself or the City in any financial undertaking unless authorized to do so by the Council.

24.04 ANNUAL REPORT. The Commission shall prepare and send to the City Council annually a report that includes an accounting of all moneys received and expended, a summary of all its activities, and any recommendations or suggestions it may have for the Council.