

**CHAPTER 8**  
(ORGANIZATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 191 OF CHAPTER 8 (ORGANIZATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) OF TITLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR, TO REPEAL CHAPTER 103 (HISTORICAL PRESERVATION) OF TITLE VIII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR, AND TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER WHICH NEW CHAPTER SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 103 (HISTORIC PRESERVATION) OF TITLE VIII OF SAID CODE.

The City of Ann Arbor ordains:

Section 1. That Section 1:191 of Chapter 8 of Title I of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be amended to read as follows:

**1:191. Historic district commission.**

The historic district commission shall consist of 7 members who shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of city council for 3-year terms. Each member shall reside in the city. The majority of the members shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation. At least 2 members shall be appointed from a list submitted by 1 or more local historic preservation organizations. If such a person is available for appointment, 1 member shall be a graduate of an accredited school of architecture who has two years of architectural experience or who is registered in the State of Michigan.. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled within 60 calendar days. If possible, 1 member of the commission shall meet the professional qualifications for history as defined by the Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Qualifications Standards. The historic district commission shall have all powers and duties of commissions authorized by Chapter 103 of this Code and by Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended, MCL 399.201 et. seq., including but not limited to the following:

- 1 To hold public hearings and review applications for work in proposed and designated historic districts, and to issue certificates of appropriateness, notices to proceed, and denials of applications for work pursuant to Chapter 103 of this Code.
- (2) To conduct an ongoing survey to identify historically and architecturally significant properties, structures, and areas that exemplify the cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history of the nation, state, or city;
- (3) To determine an appropriate system of markers and make recommendations for the design and implementation of specific markings of the streets and routes leading from one historic district to another;

- (4) To advise and assist owners of property or structures within historic districts on physical and financial aspects of preservation, renovation, rehabilitation, and reuse, and on procedures for inclusion on the state and national registers of historic places;
- (5) To review and comment on any national register nominations submitted to the commission;
- (6) To inform and educate the citizens of Ann Arbor concerning the historic and architectural heritage of the city by publishing appropriate maps, newsletters, brochures, and pamphlets, and by holding programs and seminars;
- (7) To appoint such citizen advisory committees as may be required from time to time;
- (8) To testify before and provide comments to all boards and commissions, including but not limited to the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals, on any matter affecting historically and architecturally significant property, structures, and area, as requested by a board or commission.
- (9) To confer recognition upon the owners of property or structures by means of certificates, plaques, or markers;
- (10) To develop preservation components in planning efforts undertaken by the city and to recommend such planning components to the planning commission and to the city council;
- (11) To review the current zoning ordinance and recommend to the planning commission and the city council any amendments appropriate for the protection and continued use of historically and architecturally significant property, structures, and areas;
- (12) To work with other interested organizations to record and promote an appreciation of local history and to preserve and designate historic buildings, structures, sites, districts and objects;
- (13) To develop design guidelines for work within historic districts;
- (14) To adopt bylaws and rules of procedure subject to city council approval.
- (15) To hold its meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and to provide public notice of its meetings in accordance with that act;

- (16) To keep records of resolutions, proceedings and actions, and make records available to the public in compliance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act; and
- (17) To undertake any other action or activity necessary or appropriate to the implementation of its powers and duties or to the implementation of the purpose of this ordinance.

(Ord. No. 11-71, 4-19-71; Ord. No. 14-88, § 1, 3-28-88; Ord. No. 54-89, § 1, 10-2-89)

Section 2. That Chapter 103 of Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be repealed.

Section 3. That Title VIII of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be amended by adding a new chapter, which new chapter shall be designated as Chapter 103 and shall read as follows:

*(Approved by City Council on March 19, 2007.)*