

CHAPTER 3

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

SECTION:

- 2-3-1: Purpose and Intent
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2-3-1: **PURPOSE AND INTENT:** It is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to:

- A. Recognize that the historical heritage of Providence City is among its most valued and important assets.
- B. Provide for the identification, preservation, protection, and enhancement of the historic, cultural, and prehistoric areas, sites, properties, and resources within the City.

2-3-2: **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:** The Providence City Historic Preservation Commission is hereby established with the following provisions:

- A. The Commission shall consist of five (5) members, with a demonstrated interest, competence or knowledge of historic preservation to be appointed by majority vote of the City Council, upon recommendation from the Mayor.
 - 1. Upon recommendation from the Mayor and by majority vote of the City Council, one (1) or two (2) alternate members may be appointed. The alternates will have input in all meetings and may receive assignments; but will only vote in the absence of a member(s) of the Commission.
- B. The terms of office for all members of the Historic Preservation Commission shall be three (3) years and until their successors are appointed and qualified except where appointment to a shorter term is necessary to provide for staggered terms among commission members. Members may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the City Council. On recommendation of the Mayor and by majority vote of the Council, standing members may be appointed to serve an additional term; however, no member may serve more than two consecutive terms.
- C. To the extent available in the community, two (2) commission members shall be professionals from the disciplines of history, architecture, architectural history, archeology, planning, urban planning, American studies, American civilization, cultural geography, or cultural anthropology.
- D. The Commission shall elect from its membership a vice chair, who shall serve as vice chair for one (1) year and then shall serve as chair for one (1) year. In the event there is neither a chair nor a vice chair, the Commission shall elect a chair to serve for one (1) year and a vice chair to serve as previously stated. The chair is a voting member of the Commission.
- E. The Commission will meet at least twice a year and conduct business in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Laws of Utah. This includes public notification of meeting place, time and agenda items.
- F. Written minutes of each commission meeting will be prepared and made available for public inspection.

1 2-3-3: **COMMISSION DUTIES AND POWERS:**

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- 3 A. Survey and Inventory Community Historic Resources: The Historic Preservation
- 4 Commission shall conduct or cause to be conducted a survey of the historic,
- 5 architectural, and archeological resources within the community.
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- 7 B. Review Proposed Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places: The Historic
- 8 Preservation Commission considers a National Register nomination which is normally
- 9 evaluated by professionals in a specific discipline and that discipline is not represented on
- 10 the Commission, the Commission will seek expertise in this area before rendering its
- 11 decision.
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- 13 C. Provide Advice and Information.
- 14 1. The Historic Preservation Commission shall act in an advisory role to other
- 15 officials and departments of local government regarding the identification and
- 16 protection of local historic and archeological resources.
- 17 2. The Historic Preservation Commission shall work toward the continuing
- 18 education of citizens regarding historic preservation and the community's history.
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- 20 D. Enforcement of State Historic Preservation Laws. The Commission shall support the
- 21 enforcement of all state laws relating to historic preservation. These include, but are not
- 22 limited to: Section 10-8-85.9 and Title 9 Chapter 8 Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as
- 23 amended, regarding notification of the State Historic Preservation Office of any known
- 24 proposed action which will destroy or affect a site, building, or object owned by the State
- 25 of Utah and included on or eligible for the State or National Registers.
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- 27 E. Enforcement of Local Historic Preservation Laws. In the event of the enactment of any
- 28 historic preservation laws by the City, the Commission shall support the enforcement of
- 29 such local historic preservation laws.
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- 31 F. Reviews: The Commission shall review all applications for and make recommendations
- 32 regarding alterations, change of use, or new constructions involving historic sites and
- 33 properties, subject to the following:
- 34 1. Such review and recommendations shall be binding only upon buildings and
- 35 properties which are listed on a locally designated site's register; and
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- 37 2. Any reviews and recommendations must be compatible with the current United
- 38 States Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation Guidelines for
- 39 Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.
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- 41 G. Preservation of Personal and Community Stories and Traditions: The Commission may
- 42 preserve personal and community stories and traditions in written form, photos,
- 43 recordings, video, and other media or methods of preserving activities and information of
- 44 historical interest. Methods of preserving activities of historical interest include, but are
- 45 not limited to: participation in city celebrations, dinners, quilt shows, art displays,
- 46 pageants, etc.
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- 48 H. Powers: The Commission shall have those powers necessary and reasonable for the
- 49 carrying out of its duties.
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