

HISTORIC SITES PRESERVATION COUNCIL ORDINANCE

Section 1.

1.01 PURPOSE AND INTENT.

(1) It is hereby declared a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of improvements of special character or special historical interest or value are in the public interest. The purpose of this section is to:

(a) Promote the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of such improvements and of districts which represent or reflect elements of the County's cultural, social, economic, political, engineering, anthropological, archaeological and architectural history and prehistory;

(b) Safeguard the County's historic, prehistoric, and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such historic structures, sites and districts;

(c) Stabilize and improve property values;

(d) Foster civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of the past;

(e) Protect and enhance the County's attractions to residents, tourists and visitors, and serve as a support and stimulus to business and industry;

(f) Strengthen the economy of the County; and

(g) Promote the use of historic and prehistoric structures, sites and districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of the County.

1.02 DEFINITIONS.

(1) In this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) Council means the Historic Sites Preservation Council created under this section.

(b) Historic structure means any improvement which has a special character or special historic interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the County, state or nation.

(c) Historic site means any parcel of land whose historic significance is due to a substantial value in tracing the history or prehistory of native American people, or upon which a historic event has occurred, and which has been designated as a historic site under this section, or an improvement parcel, or part thereof, on which is situated a historic structure and any abutting

improvement parcel, or part thereof, used as and constituting part of the premises on which the historic structure is situated.

(d) History is defined to include all prehistoric periods also.

1.03 MEMBERSHIP.

(1) The Historic Sites Preservation Council is hereby created consisting of 5 members. Such members shall be eligible for meeting fees, mileage and other expense reimbursement in the same manner as members of boards, commissions and other bodies of the County Board. One member shall be a Jefferson County Board Supervisor who shall also be a member of the Jefferson County Parks Committee. The remaining members may be Jefferson County Board Supervisors or members of the public, and insofar as possible, should include experts in historic preservation and Jefferson County history. The Council shall meet no more than 6 times per year. Additional meetings may be held if authorized by the County Board Chairperson prior to the additional meetings being held.

(2) The Jefferson County Board Chairperson shall appoint members to the Council subject to confirmation by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors. Members shall serve two-year terms except for the initial appointments which may be longer or shorter than two years at the discretion of the Board Chairperson. The Council shall conduct business as prescribed in the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors Rules of Order section 3.07 Rules of Committees, Boards, Commissions, and Other Bodies.

1.04 HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES DESIGNATION CRITERIA.

(1) A historic structure or historic site designation may be placed on any site, natural or improved, including any building, improvement or structure located thereon, or any area of particular historic, archaeological, architectural or cultural significance to the County of Jefferson, such as historic structures of sites which:

(a) Exemplify or reflect the broad cultural, political, or economic or social history of the nation, state, regional or local community; or

(b) Are identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state or local history; or

(c) Embody the distinguishing characteristics of any architectural type or specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials or craftsmanship; or

(d) Are representative of the honorable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his/her age; or

(e) Have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to prehistory or history; or

(f) Contains archeological sites.

1.05 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

(1) Designation. The Council shall:

(a) have the responsibility to recommend the designation of historic structures, historic sites and historic districts within Jefferson County to the Jefferson County Parks Committee. Once a recommendation is made by the Council, such recommendation shall be acted on by the Jefferson County Parks Committee for a determination on whether or not to forward to the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors for official County recognition. If a recommendation is forwarded to the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, the Board shall make a determination on whether or not to recognize such structure, site and district as historic. A determination by the County Board that a structure, site or district is historic is for recognition purposes only and does not obligate the owner or occupant to maintain or preserve the structure, site or district in any particular manner or in any way limit or restrict the construction, demolition, reconstruction or exterior alteration of such structure, site or district;

(b) assist owners of historic structures and sites to include such designated properties as a historic structure or site in the National Register of Historic Places, National Parks Service and/or State Historical Society;

(c) work for the continuing education of the citizens about the historic heritage of Jefferson County and its historic structures and sites;

(d) identify structures and sites of historic importance to Jefferson County;

(e) recognize the owners of historic structures and sites who have excelled in preserving and maintaining those properties;

(f) cooperate with local historical societies in preserving and publicizing the history of Jefferson County;

(g) make recommendations to the County Board on ways that Jefferson County government can preserve, maintain and publicize the history of the County and its historic structures, sites and districts;

(h) provide a quarterly report to the Parks Committee.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall be effective after passage and publication as provided by law.

Fiscal Note: There is a segregated fund as part of the County Board budget to pay per diems for Council members in the same manner as paid for members of boards, commissions and other bodies of the County Board. Six meetings per year attended by five members at each meeting receiving a \$55.00 per diem will total \$1,650.00 annually. Additional funds for supplies will

also be paid by the County. There is a segregated fund in the County Board budget totaling \$2,756.73 to be used for historic sites preservation efforts and these expenses could be paid out of that fund.

Adopted by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors this 14th day of February 2017.

s/Jim Schroeder
Jim Schroeder
Chair

ATTEST:

s/Barbara A. Frank
Barbara A. Frank, County Clerk

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