

CHAPTER 25. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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The Utah State Legislature has recognized that the historical heritage of this State is among its most valued and important assets, and it was the intent of the legislature, pursuant to Section 11-18-2, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, that the counties, cities, and towns of this State shall have the power to identify, preserve, protect and enhance historic and prehistoric areas and sites lying within their respective jurisdictions as provided in that Act. Counties, cities, and towns are empowered, pursuant to said Section 11-18-2, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, to expend public funds for the purpose of identifying, preserving, protecting or enhancing historical areas and sites.

25-1-2. Historic Preservation Commission

A Historic Preservation Commission is hereby established with the following provisions:

(a) The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members with a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge in historic preservation. Each Commission member shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years by the Board of County Commissioners.

(b) Two of the Commission members shall be professionals, as defined by National Park Service regulations, from the disciplines of history, architecture, or architectural history.

(c) The Commission will meet at least twice each year and shall conduct business in accordance with the Open Public Meeting laws of the State of Utah. This shall include public notification of the meeting place, time, and agenda items.

(d) The Commission shall be authorized to apply for matching grants for local historic preservation projects after consultation with and approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The Commission shall not be authorized to expend or encumber any Utah County funds without prior and specific approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

(e) Written minutes of each Commission meeting will be prepared and made available for public inspection. (Ord. No. 2000-01, 01-11-2000)

25-1-3. Historic Preservation Commission duties

(a) The Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct or cause to be conducted a survey of the historic, architectural, and archeological resources within the community. The survey shall be compatible with the Utah Inventory of Historic and Archeological Sites. Survey and inventory documents shall be maintained and open to the public. The survey will be updated at least every ten years.

(b) The Historic Preservation Commission shall review and comment to the State Historic Preservation Officer on all proposed National Register nominations for properties within the boundaries of the County. When the Historic Preservation Commission considers a National Register nomination which is normally evaluated by professionals in a specific discipline and that discipline is not represented on the Commission, the Commission will seek expertise in this area before rendering its decision.

(c) The Historic Preservation Commission shall act in an advisory role to other officials and departments of government regarding the identification and protection of local historic and archeological resources. The Historic Preservation Commission shall also work toward the continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation and the County's history.

(d) The Historic Preservation Commission shall support the enforcement of all State laws relating to historic preservation. These include, but are not limited to: Section 11-18-2, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended (The Historic District Act); Sections 63-18-25, 63-18-27, and 63-18-30, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended; Section 63-18-37, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, regarding notification of the State Historic Preservation Office of any known proposed action which will destroy or affect a site, building, or object owned by the State of Utah and included on or eligible for the State or National Registers.