

Ordinance No. 5957

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE RAPID CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2.68.020, 2.68.030 AND 2.68.040 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission currently has ten members; and

WHEREAS, reducing the Historic Preservation Commission membership will help create efficiency for the Commission to conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, occasionally there are vacancies or absences which result in the Historic Preservation Commission failing to achieve a quorum of members; and

WHEREAS, when the Historic Preservation Commission does not have a quorum it is unable to conduct business which results in applicants with items on the meeting agenda being delayed through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, delays can result in increased expense and inconvenience for applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City deems it to be in the City's best interest to amend the Rapid City Municipal Code to reduce the number of Commission members and allow alternate members to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that Sections 2.68.020, 2.68.030 and 2.68.040 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be amended as follows:

2.68.020 – Members-Qualification-Compensation

A. The Commission shall be composed of ~~10~~7 members, all of whom shall be legal residents of the city and who shall serve without pay and shall be appointed to the Commission as hereinafter provided for. It is recommended that individual Mmembers shall be appointed with due regard to proper representative of such fields as to represent each of the following fields: history, architectural history, architecture, planning, urban planning, historic preservation, archaeology, American studies, American civilization, cultural geography, cultural anthropology, and law, construction, and citizens-at-large. No more than 2 members shall be appointed from any specific field.

B. Alternate members. There will also be appointed 2 alternate members to the Historic Preservation Commission. The alternate members shall be appointed in the same manner as the regular members and shall have the same qualifications. The alternate members should attend every meeting as though they were regular members of the Historic Preservation Commission. The alternate members can participate and vote at the meeting only when there is an absence at the meeting that results in less than 7 members being present. Each alternate member shall be designated as either the first or second alternate, with the first alternate participating to fill the

first seat that is vacant, and the second alternate participating if there are any additional vacancies. If a regular member should leave during a meeting and the alternate members are not already participating, then the alternates may fill the seat in the same manner as previously described.

2.68.030 Members—Appointment—Terms.

The term of each Historic Preservation Commission member heretofore appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council and currently serving shall be continued until expiration of the original term, or until the members shall have resigned or been removed for cause. The Mayor shall appoint, with the approval of the City Council, each member of the Commission. Each member appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission, including alternate members, shall be appointed for a term of 3 years; provided that, upon organization of the Commission, 4 members shall be appointed for a 3-year term, 3 members for a 1-year term. Thereafter, appointment shall be made as they expire for the full term of 3 years and all terms of office shall expire on January 1, provided, nonetheless, that the Mayor shall make such appointments for shorter terms as shall be appropriate to establish a pattern whereby the terms of 2 members of the Commission expire on January 1 of each year.

2.68.040 Vacancies.

In case of any vacancy in membership of the Commission due to death, resignation, or otherwise, a successor shall be appointed to fill the unexpired portion of the term of the member he or she replaces. If a member of the Commission fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings, his or her seat on the Commission shall be termed vacant. The Mayor with the confirmation of the Common Council shall after public hearing have authority to remove any member of the Commission for cause which cause shall be stated in writing and made a part of the record of the hearing.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

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