

Village of Mantua, Ohio
ORDINANCE 2013-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 159.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE MANTUA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mantua Village Planning Commission has recommended that the number of members on the Mantua Historic Landmarks Commission be increased from five to seven; and

WHEREAS, in order to address this recommendation, this Council now wishes to amend Section 159.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Mantua, Ohio, two-thirds or more of the members elected thereto concurring that:

SECTION 1: Existing Section 159.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2: Section 159.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby enacted as follows:

159.03: ESTABLISHMENT OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

In recognition of the need for the establishment of a public body that will provide for the protection and enhancement of the distinctive character of the historic resources of the Village and for the objective review of alternatives to proposed alteration or demolition of certain notable structures, works of art, objects or areas within the Village, Council hereby adopts this ordinance and establishes the Mantua Historic Landmarks Commission. The Mantua Historic Landmarks Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, shall consist of seven (7) members, and who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council. All members should have to the highest extent possible a recognized knowledge of and a known interest in architectural and/or historic preservation and design together with a determination to work for the overall improvement of the quality of the Village's physical environment. At least two (2) members of the Commission shall be preservation related professional members from the fields of archaeology, architecture, architectural history, history, planning or a related discipline to the extent they are available in the community and willing to serve; and at least one (1) member shall be a property owner within the Village. Nominations should be sought from the Mantua Historical Society, the Board of Realtors, and any other group or organization that might have an interest in the work of the Commission. Two (2) members shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year; two (2) members shall be appointed for an initial term of two (2) years; and three (3) members shall be appointed for an initial term of three (3) years. All subsequent terms for members shall be for a period of three (3) years. Vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled within sixty (60) days unless extenuating circumstances require a longer period. In this case, an extension may be given in writing upon petition of the Village.

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SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure in order to permit appointment of all members to the Historic Landmarks Commission at the earliest possible date, and shall become effective immediately upon its passage by Council, and to further ensure the health, safety and morals of the Village of Mantua.

PASSED IN COUNCIL this 19th day of February, 2013.

ATTEST:

Linda Clark, Mayor

Jenny August, Clerk Treasurer

I hereby certify the above Ordinance was posted at the five (5) public notice locations in the Village of Mantua, Ohio.

Jenny August, Clerk Treasurer

Approved as to Legal Form:

Michele A. Stuck, Village Solicitor