

**Village of Mantua, Ohio**  
**ORDINANCE 2023-32**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 159.03 AND 159.05 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA, RELATING TO THE  
MEMBERSHIP OF THE MANTUA VILLAGE HISTORIC LANDMARKS  
COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mantua Village Planning Commission has recommended that the number of members on the Mantua Historic Landmarks Commission be reduced from seven to five, and that a Village Council member shall serve as a member of the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to address this recommendation, this Council now wishes to amend Sections 159.03 and 159.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the Village of Mantua, Ohio, a majority 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**SECTION 1.** Existing Section 159.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby repealed.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 five (5) members, one of whom shall also be a member of the Mantua Village Council, and who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Council.

After the effective date of this ordinance, two non-council terms shall expire at the end of 2023, one non-council term shall expire at the end of 2024, and one non-council term shall expire at the end of 2025. On expiration of these terms, each new appointment shall be for a term of three years. The term of the Village Council member appointed to the Commission shall run concurrently with that member's Council term. 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.

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. It is highly desirable that 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

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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.

**SECTION 3.** Existing Section 159.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** Section 159.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Mantua is hereby enacted as follows:

**159.05 MEETINGS.**

The Commission shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings on an annual basis as determined by the Chairperson of the Commission; and additional meetings when required as a result of an application for a certificate of appropriateness or an emergency relating to any listed property. All such meetings shall be held in the Village Council Chambers. All meetings must have a previously advertised agenda unless such emergency conditions exist as to present a threat to the property owner's or the general public's health or safety. Public notice must be given at least one week prior to all special meetings except in an emergency situation. The presence of three (3) members shall constitute a quorum. The concurring vote of three (3) members of said Commission shall be necessary for all official actions.

**SECTION 5.** 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 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective after approval by at least a majority of the members elected to the Mantua Village Council at the earliest time allowed by law.

**PASSED IN COUNCIL** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Linda Clark, Mayor

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Maryann Fabian, Fiscal Officer

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I hereby certify the above Ordinance was posted at the five (5) public notice locations in the Village of Mantua, Ohio on the \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2023.

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Maryann Fabian, Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:

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Michele Stuck, Solicitor