



RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION

Historic Preservation Commission

Recommendation Number: (2020-01RR): Recommending an amendment to the qualifications for membership on the Historic Preservation Commission.

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan, "Vision San Marcos: A River Runs Through Us," recognizes that the citizens of San Marcos "are conscious of preserving our rich historical past and will pursue future cultural enrichment"; and

WHEREAS, toward that end, the City boasts seven locally designated historic districts and eight locally designated landmarks while other structures and sites have been recognized at the national and state levels for their historical or cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications for membership on Historic Preservation Commission were first codified in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission believes that the current qualifications established by ordinance should be updated to encourage broader opportunities for membership on and participation in the decisions of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, broadening opportunities for membership on and participation in the decisions of the Historic Preservation Commission would, ultimately, advance the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, and preservation of the City's historical and cultural resources for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the San Marcos City Council consider amending Section 2.191 of the City Code to update the qualifications for membership on the Historic Preservation Commission substantially in the form attached.

Date of Approval: January 2, 2020

Record of the vote:

Attest: Griffin Spell
Griffin Spell, Chair, Historic Preservation Commission



Proposed Amendment

DIVISION 7. - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Sec. 2.191. - Composition; term.

(a) *Composition.* The historic preservation commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the city council from the following sources:

- (1) ~~Two members shall be residents of the city, or shall be employed in the city.~~ Members shall be residents of the city, or shall be employed in the city, and shall demonstrate an interest in the history of the City of San Marcos. The city council shall endeavor to appoint members from the disciplines of architecture, history, archaeology, or other disciplines related to historic preservation.
- (2) ~~Two members shall be citizens of the City with a demonstrated interest in the history of the City of San Marcos.~~ Three members shall be property owners or residents from one of the Historic Districts designated in the Development Code. The city council shall endeavor to maintain a downtown representative and rotate appointments evenly among the districts.
- (3) ~~Two members shall be property owners or residents from one of the Historic Districts designated in the Development Code, other than the downtown Historic District. The city council shall endeavor to rotate appointments evenly among the districts.~~
- (4) ~~One member shall be a property owner, business owner, or resident of the downtown Historic District.~~
- (5) ~~If possible, at least two members shall be from the disciplines of architecture, history, archaeology, or other disciplines related to historic preservation.~~

(b) *Term of office.* The members of the Historic Preservation Commission shall serve three-year staggered terms. Three members shall be appointed in one year. Two members appointed in the next year and two appointed in the third year. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term.

([source=ordbank" web="yes">2018-04](#), § 5, 4-17-18)

Sec. 2.192. - Rules and regulations.

The historic preservation commission shall elect from its membership a chair who shall serve for a term of one year and who shall be eligible for reelection. The chair shall preside over the historic preservation commission and shall have the right to vote.

([source=ordbank" web="yes">2018-04](#), § 5, 4-17-18)

Secs. 2.193—2.210. – Reserved