

CHAPTER 11
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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2-11-1: **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Chapter is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the residents of the City of Idaho Falls through the identification, evaluation, designation and protection of those buildings, sites, areas, structures and objects which reflect the City's, the State's and the Nation's historic, architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage. (Ord. 2174, 5-30-95)

2-11-2: **DEFINITIONS:** The following words and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following meanings:

COMMISSION: The Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Idaho Falls, as established under this Chapter.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION: The research, documentation, protection, restoration and rehabilitation of historic property.

HISTORIC PROPERTY: Any building, structure, object, district, area or site that is significant in the history, architecture, archaeology or culture of this community, the state, or the nation. (Ord. 2174, 5-30-95)

2-11-3: **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:**

(A) A Historic Preservation Commission is hereby created consisting of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

(B) All members of the Commission shall have a demonstrated interest, competence or knowledge in history or historic preservation. Four (4) members of the Commission shall have professional training or experience in the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, urban planning, archaeology, engineering, law, or other historic preservation-related disciplines.

(C) Initial appointments to the Commission shall be made as follows: One (1) one-year term; three (3) two-year terms; three (3) three-year terms. All subsequent appointments shall be made for terms of three (3) years each. Commission members may be reappointed to serve additional terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments and the appointee shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

(D) The members of the Commission may be reimbursed by the City for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in connection with their duties. (Ord. 2174, 5-30-95; Ord. 2746, 3-27-08)

2-11-4: ORGANIZATION, OFFICERS, RULES, MEETINGS:

(A) The Commission may make all rules necessary for the execution of its duties as set forth in this Chapter. Rules of procedure and bylaws adopted by the Commission shall be kept at the office of the City Clerk and shall be available for public inspection during normal working hours.

(B) The Commission shall elect officers from among its members. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Commission. The Vice Chairman shall, in the temporary absence of the Chairman, perform the duties of the Chairman.

(C) All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public and shall follow the requirements of the Idaho Open Meeting law. The Commission shall keep minutes and other appropriate written records of its resolutions, proceedings and actions.

(D) The Commission may, with the approval of the Council, employ or contract with other persons or entities for the services of technical or professional experts or other consulting services it deems necessary to carry on the functions of the Commission. (Ord. 2174, 5-30-95)

2-11-5: POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

(A) The Commission shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Advise and consult with the Mayor and Council regarding the identification, evaluation, designation and protection of historic buildings, site areas and objects.
- (2) Conduct a survey of local historical properties;
- (3) Recommend the acquisition of fee and lesser interests in historic properties, including adjacent or associated lands, by purchase, bequests, or donation;
- (4) Recommend methods and procedures necessary to preserve, restore, maintain and operate historic properties under the ownership or control of the City;

- (5) Recommend the lease, sale, other transfer or disposition of historic properties subject to rights of public access and other covenants and in a manner that will preserve the property;
- (6) Cooperate with the federal, state and local governments in promoting historic preservation;
- (7) Make recommendations in the planning processes undertaken by the County, the City, the State or the federal government and agencies thereof;
- (8) Recommend the adoption of ordinances that promote or regulate historic preservation within the City, in accordance with the powers set forth in Idaho Code Section 67-4612;
- (9) Promote and conduct educational and interpretive programs regarding historic preservation and historic properties in the City;
- (10) Review nominations of properties to the National Register of Historic Places for properties within the City's jurisdiction.

(B) Nothing herein shall convey or otherwise delegate authority to the Commission to incur any obligation or indebtedness of the City, without the express authorization of the City Council. (Ord. 2174, 5-30-95)