

Historic Preservation Commission Unified Development Ordinance Updates

Overview

- The City participates in the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office's Certified Local Government Program (CGL).
- As a CGL, the City gains valuable access to state funding resources and technical assistance support as well as recognition for upholding historic preservation best practices.
- The Boards and Commissions reorganization process recommends sunsetting the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Staff recommends authorizing the new Cultural Commission to assume the role of the Historic Preservation Commission so that the City can maintain its CGL status without interruption support or services.
- To maintain our status, we need to maintain the following program requirements:
 - Establish by ordinance, and maintain, an adequate and qualified historic preservation review commission.
 - The commission must have a least five members.
 - To the extent possible, have a membership that represent professions applicable to maintaining local history and historic preservation. (*Ex: architecture, archeology, urban design, cultural geography, conservation, landscape architecture, etc.*)

Staff Recommendation

1.) Amend Sec. 14.170. - Historic Preservation Commission—Continuation.

- "The Historic Preservation Commission is continued in accordance with the provisions of RSMo 253.415 and amendments thereto and shall be known as the **Cultural Commission. For all purposes the Cultural Commission for the City of Lee's Summit shall serve as the Historic Preservation Commission as described herein.**"

2.) Repeal the following UDO Sections

- 14.180 Preservation Commission – Membership, terms, vacancies.
- 14.190 Preservation Commission – Commission Officers.
- 14.200 Preservation Commission – Meetings.
- Pertinent items in these sections have been integrated as applicable into the Cultural Commission formation ordinance.