

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

AUTHORITY: By ordinance adopted Feb. 22, 1996, effective July 1, 1996.

MEETING: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 5

LENGTH OF TERMS: 3 years, and may be reappointed for consecutive terms.

The purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission is to assist the City of Staunton in the administration of its Historic Preservation District Ordinance. The intent of the ordinance is to enhance the community through the identification, preservation, and enhancement of buildings, structures, sites, neighborhoods, landscapes, places and areas which have special historical, cultural, artistic, architectural or archaeological significance. The City of Staunton has five National Register Historic Districts which are currently protected by the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

COUNCIL LIAISON: David R. Metz., Vice Mayor

Historic Preservation Preamble

The City of Staunton Historic Preservation Commission consists of five volunteer voting members appointed by City Council.

The Commission is responsible for issuing or denying certificates of appropriateness for any material change in appearance of contributing and non-contributing properties within the Historic Districts with the exceptions of ordinary maintenance and repair items listed in the Zoning Ordinance.

The purposes for establishing a special Historic Preservation Ordinance are:

- To preserve and improve the quality of life for residents of the City
- To promote tourism investment and business growth
- To stabilize and improve property values
- To educate residents on local cultural and historic heritage
- To promote local historic preservation efforts
- To prevent the encroachment of additions or new buildings and structures which are architecturally incongruous with their environs
- To recognize and develop the historic areas as integral parts of the city

For more information please refer to “H-1: Historic Preservation District,” an ordinance of the Zoning Code of the City of Staunton, Virginia.