



Text File

Introduced: 11/25/2002

Bill No: 2002-1148, Version: 2

Committee: Committee on Planning, Zoning &
Land Use

Status: Passed Finally

Presented by Mr. Ferlo

An Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code, Title Eleven: Historic Preservation, Chapter 1101: Historic Structures, Districts, Sites and Objects, Section 1101.03 Designation of Historic Structures, Districts, Sites and Objects by providing for a definition of a Religious Structure at § 1101.02 (h) DEFINITIONS and creating a new subsection at § 1101.03(a)(1)(a)(7) NOMINATIONS, providing that religious structures shall only be self-nominated for purposes of Historic Designation. Historic Review Commission and Planning Commission is required to report to Council within ~~30~~ 60 days.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby enact the following Amendment of Title 11: Historic Preservation as follows:

Adding a new section at § 1101.02 (h) DEFINITIONS

§ 1101.02 DEFINITIONS.

- (a) HISTORIC STRUCTURE. Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires directly or indirectly, a permanent location of land, including walks, fences, signs, steps and sidewalks, which meets one (1) or more of the criteria for designation as listed in § 1101.04.
- (b) HISTORIC DISTRICT. A defined territorial division of land which shall include more than one(1) contiguous or related parcel of property, specifically identified by separate resolution, which meets one (1) or more of the criteria for designation as listed in § 1101.04.
- (c) HISTORIC SITE. The location of a significant event, a prehistoric or historic occupation or activity, or a building or structure whether standing, ruined or vanished, where the location itself maintains historical or archaeological value regardless of the value of any existing structures and meets one (1) or more of the criteria for designation as listed in § 1101.04.
- (d) HISTORIC OBJECT. A material thing of historic significance for functional, aesthetic cultural, or scientific reasons that may be, by nature or design, movable yet related to a specific setting of environment and meets one (1) or more of the criteria for designation as listed in § 1101.04.
- (e) EXTERIOR ALTERATION. The alteration of exterior architectural features which can be seen from a public street or way. This shall include projects which require a building, demolition or sign permit and

all exterior improvements, alterations and renovations which can be accomplished without obtaining a permit such as change of location of historic object; the kind, color and texture of building materials; the type and design of all windows, doors, lights, stair railings, and other fixtures; and the method of building cleaning.

(f) **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS.** Approval by the Historic Review Commission of the City of Pittsburgh of the appropriateness of any new construction, demolition, exterior alteration or change of location of a Historic Structure, or a structure located within a Historic District, or an Historic Site or an Historic Object, which certification is required prior to the issuance of a building permit, demolition permit or sign permit by the Bureau of Building Inspection of the City of Pittsburgh and other non-permit items as defined by the Guidelines for the Issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness. The Commission may incorporate in any Certificate of Appropriateness such conditions as the Commission may find necessary or desirable to effect the purposes of this resolution. The Commission may authorize the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for certain routine kinds of exterior work applications, as specified by the Commission, without formal review and approval of the Commission itself.

(g) **GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR REHABILITATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS.** Guidelines which establish standards which the Commission can utilize in determining the appropriateness of applications. The Commission shall use the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation after a property is nominated for historic designation, until it develops guidelines specifically for a structure, district, site, or object, with recommendations from the community. These Guidelines cover the treatment of all work requiring a building, demolition, or sign permit, and may cover non-permit projects as defined under Exterior Alteration. The Guidelines may be amended from time to time upon affirmative resolution of the Historic Review Commission.

(h) **RELIGIOUS STRUCTURE.** Any or all of the following: church, cathedral, mosque, temple, rectory, convent, or similar structure used as place of religious worship.

SECTION 2. The Pittsburgh Code is hereby supplemented by adding a new section at subsection at 1101.03 (a)(1)(a)(7) as follows:

§ 1101.03 **DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES, DISTRICTS, SITES AND OBJECTS.**

(a) The Council of the City of Pittsburgh may designate Historic Structures, Historic Districts, Historic Sites and Historic Objects upon request or upon its own initiative.

(1) Nomination.

a. Nomination of an area, property, site, structure, or object for consideration and designation as a Historic Structure, Historic District, Historic Site, or Historic Object shall be submitted to the Historic Review Commission on a form prepared by the Commission, and may be submitted by any of the following:

1. The Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh.
2. A member of the Historic Review Commission.

3. A member of the City Planning Commission.
 4. A member of the Pittsburgh City Council.
 5. In the case of a nomination as a Historic Structure, Site, or Object, by the owner of record, or any person presently residing in the City of Pittsburgh whom has established residency in the City of Pittsburgh for at least one (1) year prior to nomination.
 6. In the case of a nomination as a Historic District, by community-based organizations or by any individual, but in either event the nomination shall be accompanied by a petition signed by the owners of record of twenty-five (25) percent of the properties within the boundaries of the proposed District, or by any of the persons named in paragraphs A through D of this subsection.
7. Nomination of a religious structure shall only be made by the owner(s) of record of the religious structure.

SECTION 3. The Council requires that the Historic Review Commission and the City Planning Commission conduct its statutorily required review of this legislation and report to its findings in thirty (30) (60) days upon receipt of this legislation from the City Clerk.