

Ordinance 2016-22

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION”, SECTION 2-45, ENTITLED “HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION”, SUBSECTION 2-45.3, ENTITLED “ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION”, ITEM (M) ENTITLED “MEETINGS, QUORUM” OF THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY” REGARDING A QUORUM

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has had difficulty in acquiring a quorum for HPC meetings, and the Hightstown Borough Council finds that a change in the membership of the HPC will enable the HPC to perform their function more efficiently and serve the Borough effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council adopted ordinance 2016-16 which amended the number of members on the Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the number of members which constitutes a quorum at the Historic Preservation Commission meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, entitled “Administration”, Section 2-45, entitled “Historic Preservation Commission”, Subsection 2-45.3, entitled “Establishment of the Historic Preservation Commission”, Item (M) entitled “Meetings, Quorum” is hereby amended to read as follows (underline for additions, strikethroughs for deletions):

Subsection 2-45.3: Establishment of the Historic Preservation Commission.

(M) Meetings, Quorum:

1. The Historic Preservation Commission shall establish and post in the Municipal Building a regular schedule of meetings, which shall include a minimum of one meeting per month. Regular meetings shall be held as scheduled unless canceled for lack of quorum, lack of applications to process or for other good reason(s), which shall be noted in the minutes.
2. The Historic Preservation Commission shall hold public meetings to review all applications for HPC Opinions, referrals of development applications and other business which comes before the Commission.
3. The presence of three (3) members, which may include alternate members filling the vacancies of regular members, shall constitute a quorum. Liaison and Advisor person(s) are not entitled to vote and shall not be counted towards achieving a quorum. A majority vote of those present and voting shall prevail, and shall be sufficient to render an HPC Opinion or other business matter. Not less than a majority of the appointed membership shall be required to designate or change an Historic Landmark or Historic District designation or to render an HPC Opinion for demolition or use changes of an historic landmark or a resource within an Historic District.

Section 2. Severability. If any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any persons or circumstances shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, or if by legislative action any sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall lose its force and effect, such judgment or action shall not affect, impair or void the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Section 4. Repealer. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Introduction: October 5, 2016

Adoption: October 17, 2016

ATTEST:

DEBRA L. SOPRONYI
MUNICIPAL CLERK

LAWRENCE D. QUATTRONE
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