

# Ordinance 2016-16

*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” OF THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF  
HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY” REGARDING MEMBERSHIP**

**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.

**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”, is hereby amended to read as follows (underline for additions, strikethroughs for deletions):

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

(A) Establishment – There is hereby established within the Borough of Hightstown, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-107 et seq., an “Historic Preservation Commission”, also known as the “HPC,” whose members shall serve without compensation.

(B) Responsibilities – The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. To identify, record and maintain a survey of all buildings, structures, sites, objects, improvements and Districts of historical significance within the Borough of Hightstown.
2. To recommend to the Mayor and Council the designation of buildings, structures, sites, objects or improvements as Historic Landmarks, and to recommend the designation of Historic Districts.
3. To monitor and recommend to the Mayor and Council any buildings, structures, sites, objects, improvements or Districts for inclusion in the New Jersey or National Register of Historic Places.
4. To make recommendations to the Planning Board on the Historic Preservation Plan Element of the Master Plan and on the implications of Historic Landmarks and Historic Districts of any other Master Plan elements. The HPC may provide information to the Planning Board indicating the location and significance of Historic Landmarks and Historic Districts, and identify the standards used to assess worthiness for Historic Landmark or Historic District designation.
5. To advise the Planning Board on applications for development pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-110.
6. To provide written reports pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-111 on the application of the Zoning Ordinance provisions concerning historic preservation to proposed construction.

7. To review and render recommendations regarding applications for HPC Opinions as set forth in this Ordinance.
8. To advise the Planning Board, other Borough Commissions and Committees and the Mayor and Council on the inclusion of Historic Landmarks and Historic Districts in the Borough's revitalization planning.
9. To monitor and recommend to the Mayor and Council the submission of any grants related to historic preservation.
10. To carry out other advisory, educational and informational functions to promote historic preservation in the Borough.

(C) Membership, Appointment – The HPC shall consist of five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor. At the time of appointment, members shall be designated by the following classes:

Class A – A person knowledgeable in building design and construction or architectural history and who may reside outside the municipality; and,

Class B – A person who is knowledgeable in, or who has demonstrated an interest in, local history and who may reside outside the municipality; and,

Class C – Citizens of the municipality who shall hold no other municipal office, position or municipal employment except for membership on the Planning Board. Class C members should have at a minimum a demonstrated interest in history, historic preservation or a related field.

Of the five regular members, a total of at least two members shall be of Classes A & B. Alternate members shall meet the qualifications of Class C members. At the time of appointment, alternate members shall be designated as "Alternate #1" and "Alternate #2".

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: June 6, 2016

Adoption:

**ATTEST:**

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