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ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON STATE OF LOUISIANA

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9 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON**
10 **AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE**
11 **COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 54**
12 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
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15 **WHEREAS**, certain amendments have been suggested to the sections of the
16 Code addressing the Historic District Ordinance; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Covington City Council deems these amendments
18 appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Covington City Council has held its public hearing in
21 accordance with law,

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City
23 of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 54 Historic
24 Preservation, shall be amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 54-3. Description of the historic district.

26 The ~~boundary~~ **boundaries** of the historic district ~~is~~ **are** not set out herein but
27 **is are** on file and available for inspection in the office of the clerk to the council.
28 **Also, the boundaries are outlined in the Covington Code of Ordinances, Appendix**
29 **B Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Sec. 3.31. HDC-MUOD Historic**
30 **Downtown Covington mixed-use overlay district.**
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32 Sec. 54-35. Meetings.

33 The historic district commission shall meet ~~on the first Tuesday of every~~
34 ~~month.~~ **monthly when required.** Special meetings may also be held at any time on
35 the written request of any member of the commission, on the call of the chair of the
36 historic district commission or the mayor and upon no less than 24-hours notice to
37 the public and each CHDC member. The meetings are open to the public.
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39 Sec. 54-61. Conditions requiring a certificate of appropriateness.

40 (a) No exterior feature which is visible from any public street, alley, or lot or
41 sidewalk of any existing building or appurtenance, shall be altered, relocated or
42 demolished until after an application for a certificate of appropriateness of such
43 work has been approved by the historic district commission. Likewise, no new
44 construction which is visible from any public street, alley or sidewalk shall be
45 undertaken without a certificate of appropriateness.

- 1 (b) A certificate of appropriateness shall not be required for interior work or
- 2 ordinary **exterior** repairs, maintenance and emergency work that do not materially
- 3 change the proportion, scale, ~~color~~, type of materials used or texture of a structure,
- 4 building or appurtenance.
- 5 (c) A certificate of appropriateness shall be required when the work to be
- 6 performed is deemed material by the historic district commission. Such work
- 7 includes but is not limited to:
- 8 (1) New construction of any structure or appurtenance.
- 9 (2) Installation or erection of metal buildings or prefabricated housing.
- 10 (3) Demolition of a structure or appurtenance.
- 11 (4) Relocation of a structure or appurtenance.
- 12 (5) Alteration of a structure or appurtenance, which materially changes the
- 13 scale, materials used or texture of a structure, building, or appurtenance.
- 14 (d) A certificate of appropriateness shall be valid for one year from the date of
- 15 issuance to the construction start date.

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17 Sec. 54-171. Appeals.

18 Any person aggrieved by any decision, act or proceeding of the historic
19 district commission shall have the right to appeal in writing to the Covington City
20 Council for reversal or modification. Any such appeal must be forwarded to the
21 city clerk, in writing, within ten days from the date of the historic district
22 commission's decision; and the city council may consider such appeal at its next
23 general or special meeting, but in any event, not more than 45 days ~~thereafter~~. **after**
24 **the historic district commission decision**. The city council shall have the right to
25 reverse, change or modify any decision of the historic district commission only by
26 a majority vote of the council.

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28 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all other sections of Chapter 54
29 Historic Preservation shall remain the same and in full force.

30 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this ordinance
31 shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein
32 which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the
33 provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

34 **WHEREUPON**, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having
35 been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City
36 of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole,
37 the vote thereon being as follows:

38 **MOVED FOR ADOPTION** by Alexius, seconded by Smith.
39 **YEAS:** 7 **ABSENT:** 0
40 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

41 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 21st day of October, 2014.

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44 R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
45 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presented to the Mayor this 24th day of October, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Approved or Vetoed by the Mayor on this 24th day of October,
2014.

Michael B. Cooper
MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on the 24th day of October, 2014, at 2:55 o'clock
P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
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CLERK TO THE COUNCIL