

CITY OF TORRINGTON

LEGAL NOTICE

TORRINGTON CITY HALL HISTORIC PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Be It Ordained by the Board of Councilmen of the City of Torrington that a Torrington City Hall Historic Property Ordinance is hereby established as follows:

The Torrington City Hall Historic Property is established pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.147 et. seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes:

SECTION I

In order to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of individual buildings and places associated with the history of or indicative of a period or style of architecture of the municipality, of the state or of the nation. There is hereby established the "Torrington City Hall Historic Property".

SECTION II

The Torrington City Hall Historic Property shall be contained within the following boundaries:

From the intersection of the centerlines of Main Street and City Hall Avenue, northerly along the centerline of Main Street to the property owned by N/F The Church of St. Francis of Assisi, 160 Main Street, Vol. 31, P. 191, Map 117 Block 17 Lot 1, thence easterly to property owned N/F by Center Cemetery Association of Torrington Vol. 14 P. 290, Map 117 Block 17 Lot 3, thence southerly to the centerline of City Hall Avenue, thence westerly along the centerline of City Hall Avenue to the point of beginning.

SECTION III

The City of Torrington Historic Properties Study Committee is hereby abolished.

SECTION IV

- (a) A Historic Properties Commission, hereinafter called the Commission, is hereby established, which shall consist of five (5) regular and two (2) alternate members, nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. All regular members of the Commission shall have experience or training in historic preservation, historic restoration, architecture or shall be owners of an historic property. Alternate members will have experience or training in historic preservation, historic restoration, architecture, real estate, construction, or shall be owners of an historic property. All members will be residents of the City.
- (b) Members of the Commission shall not be compensated for their services to the Commission.
- (c) Members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years, except that of the first five (5) regular members first appointed, two (2) will be appointed for terms of three (3) years; two (2) will be appointed for terms of two (2) years and one (1) will be appointed for a one year term.
- (d) The City Council shall have the authority to remove a Commission member for cause, which, inter alias, will include the failure to attend Commission meetings on a regular basis.

- (e) The Commission, by a majority of its membership, shall elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary, each to serve a one (1) year term.
- (f) No member shall participate in the meeting or decision of the Commission upon any matter in which he is directly or indirectly interested in either a personal or financial sense. In the event of such disqualification, such fact shall be entered into the records of the Commission, and the chairman will appoint an alternative member to participate in the meeting.

SECTION V

- (a) The Commission shall, within a period of sixty (60) days after the appointment of the original members, adopt rules of procedure that are consistent with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.
- (b) The Commission shall have those powers, will perform those functions and will be subject to such limitations as shall, from time to time, be provided by Section 7-147(a) et. seq. of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.
- (c) In accordance with Section 7-147r (a) of the General Statutes, the Commission shall administer those local historic districts which may, from time to time, be created.
- (d) The United States Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings* are to serve as the basis for review when the Commission is considering applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, and are incorporated into this Section by reference. Additional review criteria, consistent with the foregoing, may from time to time, be adopted and promulgated.

SECTION VI

- (a) The City Council, shall, from time to time, appropriate those funds necessary for the Commission to perform its statutory duties, and to attend to other such matters of business as may reasonably be required.
- (b) The Commission shall, during the month of January, report to the City Council on its activities of the previous year.

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Ryan J. Bingham, Mayor

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Joseph L. Quartiero, City Clerk