

PART C

SECTION VII LANDMARK PRESERVATION

ARTICLE 3 Landmark Preservation Board

A. Jurisdiction and Purpose:

To effectuate the goals of this Ordinance, there is hereby established in and for the City of Syracuse the Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board, hereinafter called the Board.

B. Composition and Selection:

The members of the Landmark Preservation Board shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Board shall consist of nine (9) members of whom at least five (5) shall be City residents, and appointments shall include the following:

One (1) member from a list of no less than five (5) names submitted by the Onondaga Historical Association;

Two (2) members from a list of no less than seven (7) names submitted by the Central New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects;

One (1) member from a list of no less than five (5) names submitted by the Syracuse Conservation Advisory Council;

One (1) member from a list of no less than five (5) names submitted by the Greater Syracuse Real Estate Board;

One (1) member from a list of no less than five (5) names submitted by the Landmarks Association of Central New York;

Three (3) members shall be appointed at large, at least one (1) of whom whose principal occupation involves finance or real estate management.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any of the above-named organizations shall fail to submit such lists as specified within thirty (30) days of the Mayor's written request that such list be submitted, then the Mayor shall appoint such members as he deems appropriate.

Members shall serve for three (3) year terms, except that of the members initially appointed following the adoption of this Ordinance, one-third (1/3) shall be appointed to a two (2) year term and one-third (1/3) shall be appointed to a one (1) year term. Vacancies shall be filled by the Mayor in the same manner as provided for other appointments. A Chairperson shall be selected by the Board, from among its members, for a one (1) year term.

Members of the Landmark Preservation Board shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses necessarily incurred in performance of their duties.

C. Powers and Duties:

1. The Landmark Preservation Board shall make recommendations to the City Planning Commission and the Common Council for Designations of Districts and Protected Sites pursuant to Article 5 herein, and issue Certificates of Appropriateness pursuant to Article 6 herein.
2. In carrying out the aforementioned duties, the Board shall have the power to:
 - (a) adopt such regulations pertaining to its duties as it may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance. Copies of such regulations shall be filed with the City Clerk and the City Planning Commission;
 - (b) retain or employ professional consultants, secretaries, clerks or other such personnel as may be necessary to assist them in carrying out their duties, to the extent that funds are appropriated and available therefor;
 - (c) conduct surveys, in consultation with public or private agencies as appropriate, of buildings for the purpose of determining those of historic and/or architectural significance and pertinent facts about them;
 - (d) formulate and publish recommendations concerning the preparation of maps, brochures, and historical markers for selected historic and/or architectural sites and buildings;
 - (e) cooperate with and advise the Mayor, the Common Council, and other public and private agencies in matters involving historic and/or architectural sites and buildings;
 - (f) advise owners of historic buildings on problems of preservation and restoration.
3. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be construed as authorizing the Board in acting with respect to an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness or in adopting regulations in relation thereto, to waive any regulation or laws relating to height and bulk of buildings, area of yards, courts and other open spaces, density of population, the locations of trades and industries, or location of buildings designed for specific uses.
4. The Board may, in exercising or performing its powers, duties or functions under this Ordinance with respect to any structure in a District or to any Protected Structure apply or impose, with respect to the construction, reconstruction, alteration, demolition or use of such structure, determinations or conditions which are more restrictive than those prescribed or made by or pursuant to the applicable District regulations contained herein or to any other applicable provisions of law.
5. The Landmark Preservation Board shall, prior to final action by the Common Council as provided for by Article 5, Subsection A, Subparagraph 3, review any proposed modification of the application of the elements constituting a material change in appearance as defined in Article 2, Subsection F(6), and submit its recommendations on such modifications to the Common Council prior to final action.