



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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Memo

To: Robert Vidoni, City Clerk
From: Alicia Miller Karner
CC: Mayor Robert Donchez
Ed Healy, First Assistant City Solicitor
Date: May 5, 2021
Re: Proposed amendment to Article 1713.04 relating to composition of Historical
Architectural Review Board

Please see the attached update to the previously proposed amendments to Article 1713.04 relation to the composition of the Historical and Architectural Review Board.

I look forward to reviewing these changes at the May 11, 2021, Community Development Committee.

BILL NO. _____-2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM,
COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
ARTICLE 1713 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM
RELATING TO HISTORIC BETHLEHEM

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Article 1713.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, which presently reads as follows

1713.04 BOARD OF HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW.

A Board of Historical Architectural Review is hereby established to be composed of nine residents of the City appointed by Council, one of whom shall be a registered architect, one a licensed real estate broker, one the Building Inspector of the City of Bethlehem and six additional persons with a knowledge of and interest in the preservation of the historic district. At least three members of the Board shall reside within the historic district. The initial terms of the first nine members of the Board shall be as follows: three shall serve until the first Monday of January, 1963; three until the first Monday of January, 1964; and three until the first Monday of January, 1965. Their successors shall serve for a term of five years. Any member of the Board appointed in his capacity as a registered architect, a licensed real estate broker or as the Building Inspector of the City of Bethlehem who ceases to be so engaged shall be automatically considered vacant. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term. (Ord. 2532 §1. Passed 10/5/76.)

is hereby amended to read as follows:

1713.04 BOARD OF HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW.

A Board of Historical Architectural Review is hereby established to be composed of nine members ~~residents of the City~~ appointed by Council, one of whom shall be a registered architect, one a licensed real estate broker, one ~~the~~ a building inspector of the City of Bethlehem, and six additional persons with a knowledge of and interest in the preservation of the historic district. At least three members of the Board shall reside within the historic district. Each appointee, with the exception of the appointed building inspector, must be residents of the City during the term of appointment. In the event any appointee fails to reside within the City or an appointee fails to maintain his/her status as a registered architect, a licensed real estate broker, or building inspector, the position held by such person shall automatically be considered vacant. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall only last for the unexpired portion of the term.

2021-04-29 (7:55 am) ed.

The initial terms of the first nine members of the Board shall be as follows: three shall serve until the first Monday of January, 1963; three until the first Monday of January, 1964; and three until the first Monday of January, 1965. Their successors shall serve for a term of five years. ~~Any member of the Board appointed in his capacity as a registered architect, a licensed real estate broker or as the Building Inspector of the City of Bethlehem who ceases to be so engaged shall be automatically considered vacant. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term.~~

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any provisions hereof are declared illegal or invalid on constitutional or statutory grounds by any court of competent jurisdiction, then those provisions not specifically declared illegal or invalid remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Sponsored by: _____

PASSED finally in Council on this _____ day of _____, 2021.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

This Ordinance APPROVED this this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor