

ORDINANCE 948

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMEROY, WASHINGTON, AMENDING ORDINANCE 787 AS CODIFIED AT SECTION 440 OF TITLE 16 CHAPTER 24 OF THE POMEROY MUNICIPAL CODE, POMEROY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMEROY, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 787, as codified at Section 16.24.440 of the Pomeroy Municipal Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

16.24.440 Pomeroy historic preservation commission.

A. Creation and Purpose. There is hereby established a city of Pomeroy historic preservation commission. The commission shall:

1. Identify, evaluate, and designate historic resources;
2. Protect archaeological and historic resources;
3. Provide historic preservation information services; and
4. Establish one or more classes of historic property eligible for special valuation pursuant to Chapter 84.26 RCW.

B. Membership.

1. The commission shall consist of ~~seven~~ five voting members, recommended by the mayor and appointed by the city council. ~~There shall be an additional three non-voting, advisory members. Advisory members shall represent historical, cultural, or development related organizations within the city of Pomeroy, recommended by the mayor and appointed by the city council.~~
2. Names may be submitted to the mayor from any source. The mayor shall notify Pomeroy city heritage and development-related organizations of vacancies so that names of interested and qualified individuals may be submitted by such organizations for consideration.
3. When possible at least two voting members shall have professional experience in identifying, evaluating, and protecting historic resources and be selected from among the disciplines of history, architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, cultural anthropology, archaeology, cultural geography, American studies, law or real estate.

4. Every reasonable effort shall be made to include two voting members ~~shall~~ that own commercial buildings within the Pomeroy Historic District; two voting members ~~shall~~ that own residential buildings within the city of Pomeroy; and one voting member ~~shall~~ to represent institutional buildings within the city of Pomeroy. Nothing shall prohibit a voting member from simultaneously representing a type of building (paragraph 4) and a discipline (paragraph 3).

5. Members shall be residents of the city of Pomeroy or own building(s) within the Pomeroy Historic District (as defined by the historic preservation commission) provided that exception to the residency requirement for commission members may be granted in order to obtain representatives from the disciplines of history, architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, cultural anthropology, archaeology, cultural geography, American studies, law or real estate.

6. Members of the commission shall have a demonstrated interest and competence in historic preservation and heritage issues and possess qualities of impartiality and broad judgment.

7. Members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations.

8. ~~The original appointment of members to the commission shall be as follows: two for two years, two for three years, and three for four years. Thereafter, appointments shall be made for a three-year term.~~ The terms for the initial members shall be two two-year terms and three three-year terms. Subsequent terms shall be for a three-year period.

9. Vacancies for any unexpired term shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

10. Commission action that would otherwise be valid shall not be rendered invalid by the temporary vacancy of one or more positions as long as a quorum of four voting members is present.

C. Powers and Duties. The major responsibility of the historic preservation commission is to identify and actively encourage the conservation of the city's historic resources by initiating and maintaining a register of historic places and reviewing proposed changes to register properties; to raise community awareness of the city's history and historic resources; and to serve as the city's primary resource in matters of history, historic planning, and preservation. In carrying out these responsibilities, the historic preservation commission shall engage in the following:

1. Conduct and maintain a comprehensive inventory of historic resources within the boundaries of the city of Pomeroy and known as the city of Pomeroy Historic Inventory, and publicize and periodically update inventory results. Properties listed on the inventory

shall be recorded on official zoning records with an "HI" (for historic inventory designation). This designation shall not change or modify the underlying zoning classification.

2. Initiate and maintain the city of Pomeroy Register of Historic Places. This official register shall be compiled of buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts identified by the commission as having historic significance worthy of recognition and protection by the city of Pomeroy and encouragement of efforts by owners to maintain, rehabilitate, and preserve properties.

3. Review nominations to the city of Pomeroy Register of Historic Places according to criteria in this chapter and adopt standards in its rules to be used to guide this review.

4. Review proposals to construct, change, alter, modify, remodel, move, demolish, or significantly affect properties or districts on the register as provided in this chapter; and adopt standards in its rules to be used to guide this review and the issuance of a certificate of appropriateness or waiver.

5. Provide for the review either by the commission or its staff of all applications for approvals, permits, environmental assessments or impact statements, and other similar documents pertaining to identified historic resources or adjacent properties.

6. Conduct all commission meetings in compliance with Chapter 42.30 RCW, Open Public Meetings Act, to provide for adequate public participation and adopt standards in its rules to guide this action.

7. Participate in, promote and conduct public information, educational and interpretive programs pertaining to historic and prehistoric resources.

8. Establish liaison support, communication and cooperation with federal, state, and other local government entities which will further historic preservation objectives, including public education, within the city of Pomeroy area.

9. Review and comment to the city council on land use, housing and redevelopment, municipal improvement and other types of planning and programs undertaken by any agency of the city of Pomeroy, other neighboring communities, Garfield County, and the state or federal governments, as they relate to historic resources of the city.

10. Advise the city council and mayor generally on matters of Pomeroy history and historic preservation.

11. Perform other related functions assigned to the commission by the city council or mayor.

12. Provide information to the public on methods of maintaining and rehabilitating historic properties. This may take the form of pamphlets, newsletters, workshops, or similar activities.

13. Officially recognize excellence in the rehabilitation of historic buildings, structures, sites and districts, and new construction in historic areas; and encourage appropriate measures for such recognition.

14. Be informed about and provide information to the public and city departments on incentives for preservation of historic resources including legislation, regulations and codes which encourage the use and adaptive reuse of historic properties.

15. Review nominations to the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

16. Investigate and report to the mayor and city council on the use of various federal, state, local or private funding sources available to promote historic resource preservation in the city of Pomeroy.

17. Serve as the local review board for special valuation and:

a. Make determination concerning the eligibility of historic properties for special valuation;

b. Verify that the improvements are consistent with the Washington State Advisory Council's Standards for Rehabilitation and Maintenance;

c. Enter into agreements with property owners for the duration of the special valuation period as required under WAC 254-20-070(2);

d. Approve or deny applications for special valuation;

e. Monitor the property for continued compliance with the agreement and statutory eligibility requirements during the ten year special valuation period; and

f. Adopt bylaws and/or administrative rules and comply with all other local review board responsibilities identified in Chapter 84.26 RCW.

18. The commission shall adopt rules of procedure to assist the commission in carrying out its duties pursuant to this chapter generally and items (3) and (4) of this subsection (C) specifically.

D. Compensation. All commission members shall serve without compensation.

E. Rules. The commission shall adopt bylaws and/or administrative rules governing:

1. Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW);

2. Rules of parliamentary procedure utilizing Robert's Rules of Order;
3. Order and conduct of business; and
4. Frequency of meetings.

F. Officers. The commission shall select from among its members a chairperson and such other officers as may be necessary to conduct the commission's business.

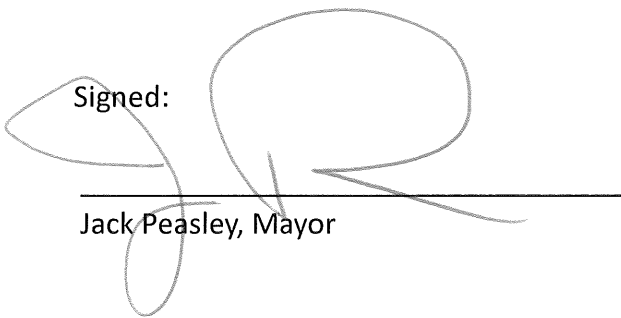
G. Staff. Staff assistance may be provided for the commission by the city subject to annual budget review and appropriation by the city council. (Ord. 787 §1 (part), 2002).

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.


PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Pomeroy, Washington, at a regular meeting this 7th day of January, 2025.

Signed:



Jack Peasley, Mayor

Attest:



Diane L Taylor, City Clerk/Treasurer