

Draft Revision of 33.19(1), MGO, Purpose and Intent, based on discussions at LORC meetings of August 14 and 27, 2014.

- (1) Purpose and Intent. The Common Council recognizes that the City of Madison contains buildings, structures, signs, features, improvements, sites, and areas that have significant architectural, archaeological, anthropological, historical, and cultural value (referred to hereafter as "historic resources"). The Common Council further recognizes that these historic resources are representative of the City's unique heritage, serving as a source of great civic pride for its residents, and ~~keen~~ interest for its visitors. It is therefore hereby declared as a matter of public policy that the identification, protection, preservation, promotion, conservation and use of historic resources within the City is a public necessity to foster the health, prosperity, safety and welfare of the people. The purpose of this ordinance is therefore to:
- ~~(a) Provide a regulatory framework for implementing, balancing, and accomplishing the public policy announced in this section.~~
 - (ba) Accomplish the identification, protection, ~~preservation~~, promotion, conservation and use of the City's historic resources, as embodied and reflected in the city's landmarks and historic districts.
 - (b) Ensure the harmonious, orderly, and efficient growth of the City that sensitively incorporates historic structures and artifacts.
 - (c) Enhance the visual and aesthetic character of the City by ensuring that new design and construction, when it happens, complements the City's historic resources.
 - (d) Provide a framework for reinvestment in the City's historic districts, where appropriate, that ensures new design and construction, when it happens, compliments the City's historic resources.
 - (ee) Safeguard the City's historic resources and investment in them by establishing an obligation to maintain them, and encouraging the vigorous enforcement of this ordinance, ~~against those who fail to do so.~~
 - (ef) Recognize that the city's historic resources are economic assets that can attract residents and visitors, create jobs, stabilize and improve property values, and stimulate business and industry.
 - (eg) Foster civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of the past.
 - (fh) Promote the use of and investment in historic districts and landmarks for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people of the City.
 - (i) Provide a clear regulatory framework for implementing, balancing, and accomplishing the public policy announced in this section.

Comment [A1]: Committee decided to leave balancing in for now and come back to it (i.e., "parking lot it".)

Draft Revisions of 33.19(3), MGO, Composition and Terms, based on discussion at LORC meeting of August 27, 2014.

- (3) Landmarks Commission Composition and Terms.

A Landmarks Commission is hereby created, consisting of seven (7) members. One (1) shall be a licensed real estate professional; one (1) shall be an alderperson who represents an historic district; one (1) shall be a historian; at least one (1) shall be a licensed architect, and three (3) shall be citizen members, at least one of whom has expertise in construction. Each member shall have, to the highest extent practicable, a known interest in historic preservation. Of the membership, at least two (2) shall meet the Professional Qualifications Standards established by the United States Secretary of the Interior for History, Archeology, Architectural History, Architecture, or Historic Architecture. The Mayor shall appoint the commissioners subject to confirmation by the Common Council. The term for each member shall be three (3) years. The terms shall be staggered.

Comment [A2]: LORC discussed revising to 1) require alderperson to be from an historic district, and 2) require that one of the citizen members have expertise in construction.