

ORDINANCE NO. 1401

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE HISTORIC AND DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AND CREATING THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMITTEE

TITLE II—ADMINISTRATION CHAPTER 3—BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City Council of the City of Arcata does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Title II—Administration, Chapter 3—Boards and Commissions, of the Arcata Municipal Code is hereby amended by changing the Chapter name to “**Boards, Commissions, Committees and Task Forces.**”

Section 2: Title II—Administration, Chapter 3—Boards and Commissions, Article 3—Historic and Design Review, sections 2212(F) and 2215, is hereby amended as follows:

SEC. 2212. Creation.

The Historic and Design Review Commission is hereby created. For purposes of this ordinance, the Historic and Design Review Commission is the same as the Design Review Committee created and defined in the Arcata Land Use and Development Guide, and any Historic and Design Review Authority, or similar type of entity, that may be created in successor land use codes adopted by the City. The powers and duties of the Historic and Design Review Commission are outlined as follows:

A. To promote building and site design in Arcata which is of high aesthetic and functional quality and in harmony with nearby community areas.

B. To establish criteria and standards for review of the various types of building and development projects in the City, including adoption of design guidelines to assist prospective project applicants in the design of their projects.

C. To conduct preliminary review of the design of proposed projects and provide comments and suggestions to assist applicants and their representatives in creating designs that will be compatible with adopted criteria and standards.

D. To review and take action to approve, approve subject to conditions and modifications, or to deny applications for design review permits as provided in the Land Use and Development Guide, Title IX of the Arcata Municipal Code, and any successor land use code adopted by the City.

E. To periodically evaluate completed projects and provide recognition of those projects that have special merit or which are exemplary in terms of carrying out the design criteria and standards.

F. To exercise any other powers and duties as may be assigned by Title IX of the Arcata Municipal Code which includes the Land Use and Development Guide in the Coastal Zone Portions of the City and the Land Use Code in the non-Coastal Zone portions of the City, or any successor land use code or Local Coastal Program amendments that are adopted by the City.

G. To implement the Historic Landmarks Element of the City of Arcata General Plan: 2020.

SEC. 2215. Membership.

The Historic and Design Review Commission shall consist of five members who shall be selected for their interest, knowledge, and experience in one or more of the following:

- A. Historic preservation.
- B. Architecture, landscape architecture, landscape design, or building design.
- C. Building construction or landscaping.
- D. Solar siting, green building, or energy efficiency in building design. .

Section 3: Article 16 Historic Landmarks Committee, Sections 2277—2280, is hereby created and added to Title II—Administration, Chapter 3—Boards and Commissions, as follows:

ARTICLE 16—HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMITTEE

SEC. 2277. Creation, Powers and Duties.

The Historic Landmarks Committee is hereby created. Its powers and duties shall be:

- A. To serve in an advisory capacity to the Council, Commissions, or City staff as appropriate in matters pertaining to structures, sites or neighborhoods having special character or special historic, architectural, cultural or aesthetic interest or value.
- B. To make recommendations to City Staff concerning Certified Local Government status, developing a Noteworthy Structure List and promoting other historic preservation activities. This includes coordinating with HSU for listing of State owned historic structures.
- C. To make recommendations to City Staff regarding the update of the City's historic resources inventory.
- D. To provide community outreach and education concerning historic resource preservation and the benefits of landmark designation. The Committee shall encourage public involvement and education in preserving Arcata's heritage of older buildings.

SEC. 2278. Meetings.

The Historic Landmarks Committee shall meet monthly or upon the call of its Secretary.

SEC. 2279. Membership.

The Historic Landmarks Committee shall consist of five members who shall be selected for their interest and knowledge, by virtue of training or experience, of Arcata's social, built and cultural environment or of design and building technology. It is not necessary that members of the Committee live or work in the Arcata Planning Area as required by Section 2202.

SEC. 2279.1. Term.

The expiration date of a term for a Historic Landmarks Committee member shall be July 31.

SEC. 2280. Secretary.

The Director of Community Development, or his/her designee, shall serve as the Secretary to the Historic Landmarks Committee.

Section 4: Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Chapter, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid under law.

Section 5: This ordinance will take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption.

DATE: March 17, 2010

ATTEST:

/s/ Randal J. Mendosa
City Clerk, City of Arcata

APPROVED:

/s/ Alexandra Stillman
Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Ordinance No. 1401**, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California on the 17th day of March, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: **STILLMAN, ORNELAS, WHEETLEY, BRINTON, WINKLER**
NOES: **NONE**
ABSENT: **NONE**
ABSTENTIONS: **NONE**

/s/ Randal J. Mendosa
City Clerk, City of Arcata