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AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 1731 "Historic York" of the York City Codified Ordinances to update duties of the Building Official; include Certificate of Appropriateness requirements and exemptions; and increase HARB's board meetings to twice per month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of York, Pennsylvania, that Article 1731 "Historic York," of the York City Codified Ordinances be amended as follows:

SECTION ONE: That Article 1731.06 "Duties of Building Official" shall be amended as follows:

1731.06 DUTIES OF BUILDING OFFICIAL.

Upon receipt of an application for a building permit for work to be done in the historic district, **or application for work to be done in the historic district that may not require a building permit but does require a Certificate of Appropriateness (see 1731.07(a))**, the Building Official shall act in accordance with the procedures presently being followed in that office except as those procedures are necessarily modified by the following requirements:

- (a) He shall forward to the office of the Board of Historical Architectural Review a copy of the application for a building permit **and/or Certificate of Appropriateness** for any work which is regulated by the provisions of this article together with a copy of the plot plan for the building plans and specifications filed by the applicant.
- (b) He shall maintain in his office a record of all such applications and of his handling and final disposition of the same, which shall be in addition to an appropriately cross-referenced to his other records.
- (c) He shall require applicants to submit a sufficient number of additional copies of material required to be attached to an application for a building permit **or Certificate of Appropriateness** to permit compliance with the foregoing.
- (d) **He shall review all applications for in-kind repairs or replacements, and upon satisfaction that the repair or replacement is in fact in-kind, shall waive HARB review.**
 - (1) **"In-kind" is defined as the replacement of a building component through matching the original component's material, size, profile, texture, and color.**
- (e) **He shall review all applications for exterior painting, and shall waive HARB review if the selected color is appropriate considering the general historic nature of the district and the surrounding structures.**

SECTION TWO: That Article 1731.07 "Prior Council Approval of Permit Issuance" shall be amended as follows:

1731.07 PRIOR COUNCIL APPROVAL OF PERMIT ISSUANCE.

The Building Official shall not issue a permit for any erection, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or razing of a building in this historic district which will affect the exterior historic or architectural features or nature of the building, until Council has issued a certificate of appropriateness.

- (A) **Any exterior work that can be seen from the public way must be approved by HARB prior to the start of work whether a permit is required or not.**
 - (1) **The following projects shall require a Certificate of Appropriateness:**
 - (a) **All new construction and additions**
 - (b) **Siding**
 - (c) **Replacement windows**
 - (d) **More than 32 sq. ft. of exterior cumulative patching**
 - (e) **All exterior work done by a contractor not specifically exempted**
 - (f) **Any and all roofing that is more than an ordinary repair with like materials**
 - (g) **Door replacement**

