

ORDINANCE NO. 4573

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE ELLENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; REPEALING CHAPTER 1.44 "DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE"; ASSIGNING SOME FORMER DUTIES OF THE DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE TO THE LANDMARKS AND DESIGN COMMISSION AND AMENDING SECTIONS 1.45.200 AND 3.12.200.

WHEREAS, the Ellensburg City Council recognizes the contributions and efforts of the members of the Downtown Task Force since its creation in 1987 to the citizens of the City of Ellensburg; and

WHEREAS, the Ellensburg City Council has determined that duplication of effort exists among some duties assigned to the Downtown Task Force and Landmarks and Design Commission or other entities; and

WHEREAS, at the June 14, 2010 special meeting the Ellensburg City Council approved a motion to explore disbanding the Downtown Task Force;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 1.44 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code entitled "Downtown Task Force" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Section 1.45.200 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance No. 4245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1.45.200 Members, qualifications and terms.

A. The Ellensburg landmarks and design commission shall consist of seven members appointed by a majority of the Ellensburg city council. A majority of members so appointed shall be residents of the city of Ellensburg.

B. All members of the commission shall have demonstrated an active interest in historic preservation and design review.

C. The commission shall include at least two owners of property from within the downtown and First Railroad Addition historic districts, as defined in ECC 1.45.360(C)(1). ~~One member shall be a member of the city's downtown task force and shall be designated by the downtown task force for a term of four years or until no longer a downtown task force member. One member shall be either a representative of the Ellensburg Downtown Association or a property owner, business owner or resident of the CCI or CCII zone.~~ One member shall be a general at-large position. The commission shall include at least three professionals who are selected from among the related fields of history, architecture, construction, landscape design, historic preservation, planning, anthropology, archaeology, cultural geography, American studies, land use law, or real estate.

D. A commission action that would otherwise be valid shall not be rendered invalid by the temporary vacancy of one or all of the professional positions, unless the commission action is related to meeting certified local government (CLG) responsibilities cited in the certification agreement between the Ellensburg city council and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

E. The initial commission shall be composed of the then-appointed members of the design review board who shall fulfill the terms of their original appointment. Appointment of new members to the

commission shall be for a period of four years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Ellensburg city council for any unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. [Ord. 4245, 2000.]

Section 3. Section 3.12.200 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code and Ordinance No. 4245 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.12.200 Landmarks and design review.

All signs erected in the C-C and C-C II zones shall undergo a design review process ~~with the downtown task force~~ prior to the issuance of said sign permit according to the following requirements, except for those signs erected on buildings or premises which are identified as landmarks or are situated within a landmarks district which shall be governed by the requirements of the landmarks and design ordinance, Chapter 1.45 ECC.

A. The applicant for the sign permit shall submit a scaled drawing of the sign along with information regarding the type of material involved, color scheme, type of lettering or symbols used, method of illumination and proposed location of mounting.

B. The ~~downtown task force~~ landmarks and design commission review will take into account the appropriateness of the design and appearance of the sign as it relates to the buildings and area surrounding the location.

C. The ~~downtown task force~~ landmarks and design commission shall meet and review with the applicant the proposed sign within 15 days from the date a written application for a sign permit is received by the city. The ~~downtown task force~~ landmarks and design commission shall respond in writing to the applicant no later than five working days after the expiration of the said 15-day review period. The administrator shall not approve any sign permit application undergoing the design review until a written ~~downtown task force~~ (?) recommendation is received by the applicant or expiration of the above 20-day time limit, whichever comes first. The applicant's compliance with any recommendation made by the ~~downtown task force~~ landmarks and design commission shall be voluntary. [Ord. 4245, 2000; Ord. 3402 § 1, 1983.]

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, cause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication of a summary, consisting of the title.

The foregoing ordinance was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council this 1st day of November, 2010.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

Publish: November 4, 2010

I, Coreen M. Reno, City Clerk of said City, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 4573 is a true and correct copy of said Ordinance of like number as the same was passed by said Council, that Ordinance No. 4573 was published as required by law.



COREEN M. RENO, CMC