

SPARTA HANCOCK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

By-laws

ARTICLE I : PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the commission is to establish a uniform procedure for use in providing for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of places, districts, sites, buildings, structures, objects, landscape features, and works of art having a special historical, cultural or aesthetic interest or value that are located in the corporate limits of the City of Sparta, and in the designated historic districts of the County of Hancock.

ARTICLE II : GENERAL RULES

Section 1. The Sparta Hancock County Historic Preservation Commission (hereafter referred to as "the Commission") shall be governed by the terms of the Sparta Hancock County Historic Preservation Ordinance as contained in the Code of Ordinances adopted and effective _____.

ARTICLE III : JURISDICTION

Section 1. The Commission jurisdiction shall be the incorporated areas of the City of Sparta and County of Hancock as delineated on a map on file with the City, and any outlying area belonging to the city or county which has been specifically designated as being subject to this Ordinance.

ARTICLE IV : MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND DUTIES

Section 1. MEMBERS. The Commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Mayor with consent of City Council and the County Commissioner. Members shall be residents of the city or county, and shall be persons who have demonstrated special interest, experience or education in history, architecture or the preservation of historic resources. Only in the absence of these qualifications shall others be appointed to serve.

Section 2. CHAIRMAN. A Chairman shall be elected by the Commission from among its members for a calendar year of January 1 - December 31. The term shall be for one (1) year, and shall be eligible for re-election. The Chairman shall preside over the Commission and shall have the right to vote. The Chairman, subject to these rules, shall decide all points of procedure unless otherwise directed by a majority of the Commission in session at the time. The Chairman shall appoint any committees found necessary to investigate any matters before the Commission and shall be responsible for obtaining prior approval of city funds as needed by the Commission.

Section 3. VICE-CHAIRMAN. A Vice-Chairman shall be elected by the Commission from among its members. The term shall be for one (1) year, and shall be eligible for re-

election. In the absence or disability of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall perform all duties of the Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall have the right to vote.

Section 4. SECRETARY. A Secretary shall be elected by the Commission from among its members. The Secretary shall maintain the records and minutes of the Commission.

Section 5. ELECTIONS. Terms of officers shall begin in January.

Section 6. TERMS OF APPOINTMENT. The Mayor with consent of the City Council shall appoint five (5) members to serve three-year terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, initial appointments shall be two members for one (1) year; two members for two (2) years; and one member for three (3) years. Members shall not receive a salary, although they may be reimbursed for expenses if such expenses are approved by the city in advance of being incurred.

Section 7. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS. Any Commission member who fails to attend any three (3) consecutive Commission meetings in any 12-month period without written excuse filed with the Chairman of the Commission shall be recommended for replacement.

Section 8. APPLICATIONS INVOLVING MEMBERS. No Commission member shall take part in the hearing, consideration, or determination of any petition in which he/she is a party or has a financial interest.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Department meeting room, or any other designated meeting place, provided the location and time of meeting are specified in all notices required by law.

Section 2. CALLED MEETINGS. If a quorum is not present at a regular meeting of the Commission, a special meeting shall be held within 14 calendar days from such scheduled meeting.

Section 3. CONTINUATION OF MEETINGS. Nothing herein shall prohibit a continuation of the hearing on an application where the applicant consents.

Section 4. QUORUM. A majority of the members of the Commission, three (3) members, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. COMMISSION FINDINGS. Decisions of the Commission shall be by a majority of the members present.

Section 6. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS. All meetings shall be open to the public. The order of business at regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- B. Old Business
- C. New Business
- D. Other matters pertaining to the Commission

Section 7. Minutes shall be taken at each meeting of the Commission. A summary of all pertinent discussion and action taken by the Commission during the course of its public meeting shall be recorded and kept in a well-bound book.

ARTICLE VI : APPLICATION PROCEDURES

ARTICLE VII : AMENDMENTS

These rules may, within the limits allowed by law, be amended at any time by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission, provided that such amendment shall have first been presented to the membership in writing at a regular meeting preceding the meeting at which the vote is taken.

Approved in Open Meeting on 1-18-2000



SPARTA HANCOCK COUNTY
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Hancock County, Georgia

02-19-2020

RESOLUTION ON DESIGNATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SPARTA
HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City of Sparta and the Hancock County Commission passed an Historic Preservation Ordinance to protect historic properties, and,

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission is working to bring heritage tourism and economic development, and,

WHEREAS, the State Preservation Office approved the Sparta Historic District Designation report review,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following boundaries be adopted, as reported in the designation report, to establish the Historic District in order to protect our architectural and cultural heritage:

NORTHERN boundary is the railroad tract
EASTERN boundary is Elm Street
SOUTHERN boundary is Hancock Street
WESTERN boundary is Burwell Street

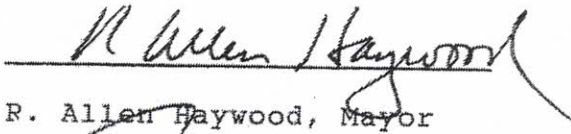
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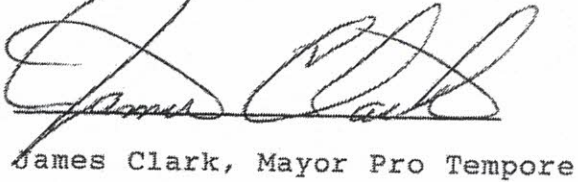
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Both sides of Hamilton St. from Burwell St. to Elm St.
Both sides of Elm St. from railroad tracks to Adams St.
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Both sides of Broad St. from the Baptist Church to 12404 Broad
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All properties surrounding Memorial Square.

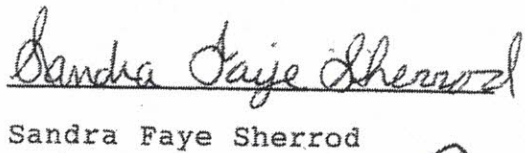
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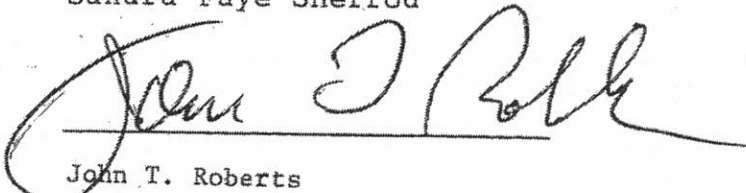
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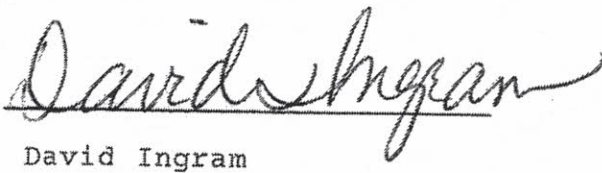
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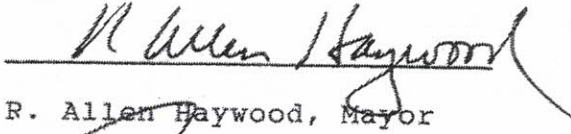
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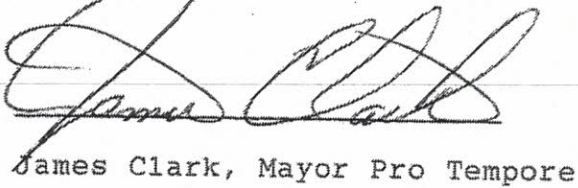
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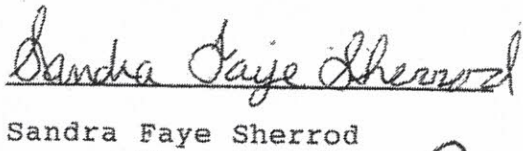
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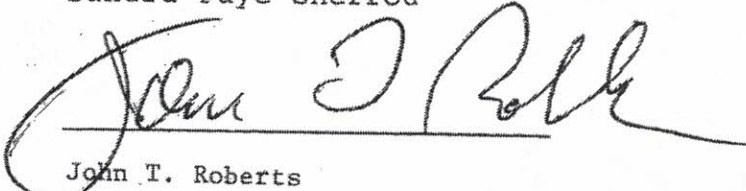
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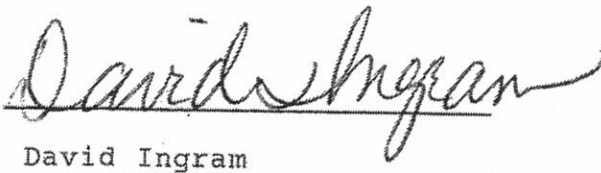
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