



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** Ord. 2020-07, **Version:** 1

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**AGENDA CAPTION:**

Consider approval of Ordinance 2020-07, amending section 2.191 of the San Marcos City Code relating to the composition of the Historic Preservation Commission; including procedural provisions; providing for the repeal of any conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date.

**Meeting date:** February 18, 2020

**Department:** Planning and Development Services

**Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** N/A

**Account Number:** N/A

**Funds Available:** N/A

**Account Name:** N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** On February 4, 2020, the City Council held a discussion regarding the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to amend section 2.191 of the City Code to change the qualifications for membership on the commission. Following its discussion, the City Council directed staff to bring back an ordinance for consideration based on the HPC's recommendation.

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** N/A

**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):**

- Economic Development
- Environment & Resource Protection
- Land Use
- Neighborhoods & Housing
- Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities
- Transportation
- Core Services
- Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** N/A

**Background Information:**

Per Section 2.191 of the City Code and Article 3(C) of the Commission bylaws, the Historic Preservation Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council. The composition of the Commission currently is as follows:

1. Two members shall be residents of the City, or shall be employed in the City.
2. Two members shall be citizens of the City with a demonstrated interest in the history of the City of San Marcos.
3. Two members shall be property owners or residents from one of the Historic Districts designated in the Development Code, other than the downtown Historic District. The city council shall endeavor to rotate appointments evenly among the districts.
4. One member shall be a property owner, business owner, or resident of the downtown Historic District.
5. If possible, at least two members shall be from the disciplines of architecture, history, archaeology, or other disciplines related to historic preservation.

Recommendation Resolution 2020-01RR was approved at the January 2, 2020 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission. The resolution proposed amending the qualifications listed in Section 2.191 to better meet the historic preservation needs of the City and make appointments to the Commission easier.

The draft ordinance amending Section 2.191 of the City Code is attached. The proposed ordinance is consistent with the recommendation of the HPC and the direction of City Council.

The bylaws of the Historic Preservation Commission will be amended to reflect the ordinance changes and approved at a future Commission meeting.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

The Historic Preservation Commission unanimously approved Recommendation Resolution 2020-01RR at the January 2, 2020 regular meeting.

**Alternatives:**

**Recommendation:**