

Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending  
Chapter 2.27 (Historic Resources Board) of the Palo Alto Municipal  
Code (PAMC) to Reduce the Number of Historic Resources Board  
Members from Seven to Five

**SECTION 1.** Findings and Declarations.

- A. The City of Palo Alto is a Certified Local Government (CLG) with obligations to maintain a historic resources board of at least five members with at least two members in professions set forth by the State Office of Historic Preservation.
- B. Recent recruitment for the Historic Resources Board have not yielded sufficient candidates to fill all open seats or sufficient open seats to maintain a four-member quorum of the Board.

**SECTION 2.** Section 2.27.010 (Historic Resources Board) of Chapter 2.27 (Historic Resources Board) of Title 2 (Administrative Code) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) is amended to read as follows (additions underlined and deletions ~~struck through~~):

**2.27.010 Historic Resources Board.**

The Historic Resources Board shall be composed of ~~seven~~ five members appointed by the city council and serving without pay. Members shall have demonstrated interest in and knowledge of history, architecture, or historic preservation. ~~One member shall be an owner/occupant of a category 1 or 2 historic structure, or of a structure in a historic district;~~ three ~~Two~~ members shall be professionals in the disciplines of architecture, architectural history, planning, landscape architecture, or related disciplines, or pre-historic and historic archeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, or conservation architects, landscape architects, building designers or other design professionals and at least one member shall possess academic education or practical experience in history or a related field such as American studies, American civilization, or cultural geography. The Palo Alto Historical Association shall be given notice of vacancies on the board and shall be encouraged to have its members submit applications.

**SECTION 3.** Section 2.27.030 (Organization) of Chapter 2.27 (Historic Resources Board) of Title 2 (Administrative Code) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) is amended to read as follows (additions underlined and deletions ~~struck through~~):

**2.27.030 Organization.**

(a) The Board shall hold meetings ~~twice~~ monthly or at the pleasure of the chairperson, but no fewer than four meetings per year.

~~(b) and~~ The Board shall establish such rules as may be appropriate and necessary for the orderly conduct of its business, consistent with City Council guidelines for boards and commissions.

(c) The Board shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson from its membership who shall serve in such capacity for terms of one year each, or until a successor is elected. The

chairperson shall preside over meetings of the board, and in the absence or disability of the chairperson, the vice chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson.

(b) ~~Four~~ Three members shall constitute a quorum and decisions of the board shall be determined by majority vote of those members present at the meeting. Action minutes shall be kept by the Board.

**SECTION 4.** Any provision of the Palo Alto Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase not declared invalid or unconstitutional without regard to whether any portion of the ordinance would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 6.** The Council finds that the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

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**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first date after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

NOT PARTICIPATING:

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED:

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City Manager

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Director of Planning & Development  
Services