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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2025-16

An Ordinance Amending the City and Borough Code Relating to the Historic Resources Advisory Committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City and Borough of Juneau Municipal Code.

Section 2. Amendment of Section. CBJC 19.01.202, Definitions, is amended as follows:

19.01.202 Definitions.

Unless a different meaning is clearly intended, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed below whenever used in this title and shall supersede definitions of such words or phrases set forth in any technical code adopted under this title:

Historic building means a structure which has been placed on or nominated for placement on the National Register of Historic Places; a contributing property within a designated historic district which has been placed on or nominated for placement on the National Register of Historic Places; a contributing property within a designated historic district which has been recognized by the state or the City and Borough; a property which has been declared architecturally significant by City and Borough historic building surveys; a property which possesses characteristics of nationally or locally recognized historic styles of architecture as

determined by the historic district advisory committee; or a locally designated or recognized historically significant structure.

Section 3. Amendment of Section. CBJC 49.10.410, Historic resources advisory committee, is amended as follows.

49.10.410 Historic resources advisory committee.

- (a) *Establishment.* There is established the Juneau historic resources advisory committee.
- (b) *Membership.* The committee shall consist of seven ~~nine~~ members appointed by the assembly. Members shall be appointed for a term of three years. The assembly shall invite applications for membership from archaeologists, historians, architects, people knowledgeable in the customs and language of the Tlingit and Haida people, and owners of locally recognized historic property, ~~people familiar with the operations and issues relating to the city museum, teachers,~~ and the general public.
- (c) *Officers.* The committee shall select its own officers.
- (d) *Meetings.* The committee shall meet on an as needed basis and at least four times annually ~~monthly~~.
- (e) *Staffing.* The community development ~~and library~~ departments ~~shall~~ may provide ~~such~~ staff support ~~and assistance as to~~ the committee at the director's ~~may require discretion~~ to the extent that capacity allows ~~funds are available~~. Community

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2 development will maintain a system for HRAC for periodic and on-demand review
3 sessions, ensuring that reviews and recommendations are made promptly.

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5 (f) *Duties.* HRAC is an advisory, as-need committee. The duties of the committee ~~shall~~
6 include:

- 7 (1) ~~Reviewing~~ and ~~making~~ recommendations about local projects that might
8 affect properties identified in the local historic preservation plan;
- 9 (2) ~~Reviewing~~ and ~~developing~~ nominations to the National Register of Historic
10 Places for properties within the City and Borough;
- 11 (3) Engage with property owners in the historic district, encourage participation
12 in preservation activities, facilitate educational opportunities, and provide
13 resources and guidance on best practices for maintaining historical integrity
- 14 (4) Provide an annual report to the Assembly on its activities, including updates
15 on the outreach to property owners in the historic district, preservation
16 education opportunities offered, nominations made to the National Register
17 of Historic Places, and projects reviewed.

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20 ~~(3)~~(5) Cooperating and consulting with the assembly, the historic district
21 commission, the community development department and the state historic
22 commission on matters concerning historical districts and historic,
23 prehistoric and archaeological preservation in the City and Borough;
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25 ~~(4)~~ ~~Reviewing and making recommendations about the collections, exhibitions,~~
~~educational programs, long range plans, and other pertinent activities of the~~
~~Juneau Douglas City Museum;~~

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2 ~~(5) Cooperating and consulting with the library department on matters~~
3 ~~concerning the Juneau Douglas City Museum; and~~

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5 ~~(6) Performing other actions which are necessary and proper to carry out the~~
6 ~~above duties.~~

7 **Section 4. Amendment of Section.** CBJC 69.10.005, Definitions, is amended as
8 follows:

9 **69.10.005 Definitions.**

10 The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter or in an applicable state
11 statute, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
12 clearly indicates a different meaning or they are, for the purpose of property taxation, defined
13 differently in applicable law:
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16 *Historic property* means a structure which has been placed on or nominated for placement
17 on the National Register of Historic Places; a contributing property within a designated historic
18 district which has been placed on or nominated for placement on the National Register of
19 Historic Places; a contributing property within a designated historic district which has been
20 recognized by the state or the City and Borough; a property which has been declared
21 architecturally significant by City and Borough historic building surveys; a property which
22 possesses characteristics of nationally or locally recognized historic styles of architecture as
23 determined by the City and Borough historic district advisory committee; or a locally
24 designated or recognized historically significant structure.
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2 **Section 5. Amendment of Section.** CBJC 69.10.025, Repair and rehabilitation
3 exemption qualification, is amended as follows:

4 **69.10.025 Repair and rehabilitation exemption qualification.**

5 (a) An exemption under subsection 69.10.020(6) or subsection 69.10.020(8) shall be in an
6 amount equal to the value of qualifying work as defined and computed in accordance
7 with this section. The exemptions shall be granted only if an application for the
8 exemption is filed with the building official prior to final completion of the work
9 permitted by an applicable building permit and the building official certifies that the
10 work has been completed in accordance with applicable building codes. Applications for
11 an exemption under subsection 69.10.020(6) shall be reviewed by the community
12 development ~~department~~ director for determination as to whether the property is
13 "historic property" as defined in subsection 69.10.005. The decision of the community
14 development ~~department~~ director may be appealed to the planning commission. ~~The~~
15 ~~commission shall refer the matter to the historic district advisory committee for review~~
16 ~~and a recommendation before hearing the appeal.~~

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20 **Section 6. Repeal of Resolution.** Resolution Serial No. 1195, a resolution repealing
21 and reenacting Resolution Serial No. 527 relating to the establishment of the Juneau Historic
22 District Advisory Committee and the designation of the Assembly as the Juneau Historic
23 District Commission, is repealed in its entirety and the Committee is dissolved.

24 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its
25 adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Attest:

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk