

**FERRY COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2009-03  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS** the purpose of this ordinance is to protect, preserve and enhance the distinctive architectural and cultural heritage of Ferry County. To promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the people of Ferry County. To foster civic pride. To encourage harmonious, orderly and efficient growth and development of Ferry County. To strengthen the local economy; and

**WHEREAS** it is the hopes of the Ferry County Commissioners that by encouraging a general harmony of style, form, proportion and material between buildings of historic design and those of contemporary design, that Ferry County historic buildings and historic properties will continue to be a distinctive aspect of Ferry County and will serve a visible reminders of the significant historical and cultural heritage of Ferry County and the state of Washington.

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

**Alteration**

A change in the external architectural features of any historic structure or in the interior of any such structure if the interior feature is specifically included in the historic designation; a change in the landscape features of any historic site or place; or work having an adverse effect upon designated archaeological resources.

**Property/Site**

Any place (including an archaeological site or the location of a significant historical event), building, structure, work of art, fixture or similar object that has been individually designated by (city/county) council or designated as a contributing property within a historic district.

**Public Space within a building**

Spaces designed for use by the public, such as auditoriums, court rooms, lobbies, entrance halls, etc. These spaces are usually gathering places as opposed to corridors for public use.

**Substantial Hardship**

Hardship, caused by unusual and compelling circumstances, based on one or more of the following:

- a. the property cannot reasonably be maintained in the manner dictated by the ordinance,
- b. there are no other reasonable means of saving the property from deterioration, or collapse, or
- c. the property is owned by a nonprofit organization and it is not feasible financially or physically to achieve the charitable purposes of the organization while maintaining the property appropriately.

## **SECTION 2. DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES.**

### **2.1 Criteria for Historic Designation.**

The Board shall review the local inventory and make recommendations for historic designations to the board of Commissioners based on one of the following criteria.

A property may be designated historic if it:

1. has significant inherent character, interest, or value as part of the development or heritage of the community, state, or nation; or
2. is the site of an event significant in history; or
3. is associated with a person or persons who contributed significantly to the culture and development of the community, state, or nation; or
4. exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, ethnic, or historic heritage of the community, state, or nation; or
5. Is a publicly owned property, or the land or property owner has come to the Historic Preservation board requesting that the building be deemed historic and meets one of the above requirements

### **2.2 Identification on Town Zoning Map.**

All locally designated historic properties and historic districts shall be clearly shown on the zoning map.

**SECTION 3. APPEALS**

Any person may appeal a decision of the Board and present their case to the Board of Historic Preservation. If they are still unsatisfied with the ruling the person may present their case to the Board of Commissioners.

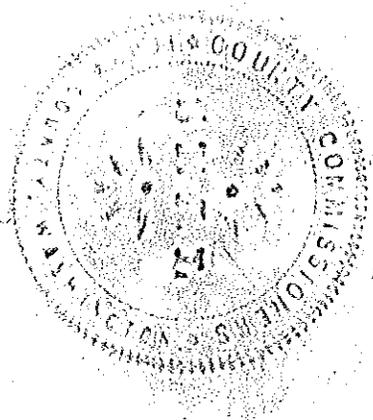
**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any diction, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of the Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Ferry County Board of Commissioners, the Ferry County Historic Preservation Plan is hereby established to assist Ferry County in protecting, preserving and enhancing the distinctive architectural and cultural heritage of Ferry County.

**APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009.

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