

Chapter 9
HISTORIC PRESERVATION*

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***Cross references**--Buildings, construction and related activities, Ch. 5; trees and landscaping, Ch. 20; zoning, Ch. 22.

State law references--The Uniform Act for the Application of Building and Fire Related Codes to Existing Buildings, O.C.G.A. § 8-2-200 et seq.; buildings presenting special hazards to persons or property, O.C.G.A. § 25-2-13; grants to municipal corporations for repairs on facilities of historical value, O.C.G.A. § 36-40-1 et seq.; Facade and Conservation Easements Act of 1976, O.C.G.A. § 44-10-1 et seq.; Georgia Historic Preservation Act, O.C.G.A. § 44-10-20 et seq.

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Section 9-46 Research and surveys required.

The commission shall compile and collect information and conduct surveys of historic resources within the city. This can be done in conjunction with other interested organizations such as Thomasville Landmarks, Inc., Thomas County Historical Society, Inc., or the Thomasville Main Street Project or their successors.
(Ord. of 1-12-87(5), § III)

Section 9-47 Recommendations.

The commission shall present to the city council recommendations for historic districts and properties.
(Ord. of 1-12-37(5), § III)

Section 9-48 Preliminary reports.

Prior to the commission's recommendation of a historic, district or historic property to the city council for designation, the commission shall prepare a report consisting of:

- (1) A physical description;
- (2) A statement of the historical, cultural, architectural and aesthetic significance;

- (3) A map showing district boundaries and classifications (i.e., historic, nonhistoric, intrusive) of individual properties therein, or showing boundaries of individual historic properties;
- (4) A statement justifying district or individual property boundaries; and
- (5) Representative photographs.

(Ord. of 1-12-87(5), § III)

Section 9-49 Selection criteria for historic district.

A historic district is a geographically definable area, which contains buildings, structures, sites, objects, landscape features and works of art or a combination thereof, which:

- (1) Have special character or special historic/aesthetic value or interest;
- (2) Represent one (1) or more periods, styles or types of architecture typical of one (1) or more eras in the history of the municipality, county, state or region; and
- (3) Cause such areas, by reason of such factors, to constitute a visibly perceptible section of the municipality or county.

(Ord. of 1-12-87(5), § III)

Section 9-50 Boundaries for historic district.

Boundaries of a historic district shall be included in the separate ordinances designating such districts and shall be shown on the official zoning map of the city.

(Ord. of 1-12-87(5), § III)

Section 9-51 Classification of property.

Individual properties within historic districts shall be classified as:

Historic: Contributes to the district and is at least fifty (50) years old;

Nonhistoric: Does not contribute but does not detract from the district, as provided for in section 9-102. In time, non-historic properties may be reclassified as historic properties.

Intrusive: Detracts from the district as provided for in section 9-102.

(Ord. of 1-12-87(5), § III)

Section 9-52 Selection criteria for historic property.

A historic property is a building, structure, site, object, or work of art, including the adjacent area necessary for the proper appreciation or use thereof, deemed worthy of preservation by reason of value to the city, state, or local region, for one (1) of the following reasons:

- (1) It is an outstanding example of a structure representative of its era;
- (2) It is one (1) of the few remaining examples of past architectural style either in the city or in its respective neighborhood;
- (3) It is a place or structure associated with an event or persons of historic or cultural significance to the city, state, or the region; or
- (4) It is the site of a natural or aesthetic interest that is continuing to contribute to the cultural or historical development and heritage of the city, county, state, or region.

(Ord. of 1-12-87(5), § III)

Section 9-53 Boundaries designating properties required.

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