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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 20 (ZONING), CHAPTER 20.67 (HISTORIC LANDMARK PRESERVATION), SECTION 20.67.050 (HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION-CREATION) SUBSECTION (E) AND SECTION 20.67.060 (HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION-MEETINGS) SUBSECTION (A) TO ALLOW FOR A CHANGE IN THE REMOVAL OF MEMBERS, AND VOTING AT COMMISSION MEETINGS, THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 20.67.140 (PENALTY) AND SECTION 20.68.010 (VIOLATION-PENALTY) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That Title 20 (Zoning), Chapter 20.67 (Historic Landmark Preservation) Section 20.67.050 (Historic LANDMARK Commission-Creation) is hereby amended as follows:

There is created a commission to be known as the historic landmark commission of the city, hereinafter called the commission, consisting of fifteen members appointed by the city council. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, and the membership shall include the following:

- A. At least four design professionals who are members in good standing of a professional organization such as: The American Institute of Architects (AIA), The American Institute of Planners (AIP) or The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). When possible, more than one of these organization should be represented.
- B. The other members of the commission shall be appointed from such other individuals and

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organizations as the city council may in its discretion select.

- C. All members shall have knowledge and experience in the architectural, archaeological, cultural, social, economic, ethnic or political history of the City. No one business or professional interest shall constitute a majority of the commission.
- D. Each member of the commission shall be appointed for a term of three years, except that of the members of the first commission to be appointed, eight shall be appointed to serve for three years, and seven for two years. The members of the commission shall elect as officers from the voting membership of the commission a chairman and a vice-chairman and shall likewise fill any vacancy in either of such offices. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled by appointment by the city council for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- E. When any appointed member of the Commission is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Commission, the chairman, vice chairman, or secretary of the Commission shall report this fact to the Mayor and City Council so that

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consideration may be given to removal of such member. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the City Council pursuant to this section for the remainder of the unexpired term.

- F. The city council may draw on the knowledge, experience and expertise of any person in the community by appointing such person as a special advisor to the landmark commission without voting power. (Ord. 6391, 1978; Ord. 6332, 1978; Ord. 6243(part), 1978; prior code § 25-35.3 (part))

2. That Section 20.67.060 (Historic Landmark Commission-- Meetings) is amended as follows:

- A. The Commission shall meet at least once a month at a regularly scheduled time with advance notice posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Law. Additionally, meetings may be called upon request of the chairman, or upon written request of five (5) members. Upon the filing of an application for a building permit in a historic district, or historic landmark, the Commission shall take action thereon within sixty consecutive days after the date of filing of such application. If action thereon is not taken within sixty

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days after the date of filing of such application, it shall be deemed to have been recommended for approval and a certificate showing the filing date and the failure to take action on the application within sixty (60) days shall be issued by the Commission on demand. The applicant may withdraw the application before the sixty (60) day period expires and may resubmit it at a later time if additional time is required for the preparation of information or for research required by the Commission. A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. Action taken at a meeting shall require the presence of a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

B. The director of the department of planning, research and development or his representative shall act as secretary of the commission and shall attend and keep the minutes of all meetings. (Ord. 6243 (part), 1978: prior code § 25-35.3 (part))

3. Except as herein amended, Title 20 (Zoning), Chapter

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20.67 (Historic Landmark Preservation) shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

PASSED and APPROVED this 24th day of January, 1989.

ATTEST:

Carole Hunter
City Clerk

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Mayor

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Assistant City Attorney

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