

City of Coral Gables Zoning Code Text Amendment Request

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Date of request:

June 18, 2008

Sponsoring department(s):

Historical Resources Department

Code section(s) to be amended (attach additional sheets as necessary):

Section 2-502 Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal.

Purpose or explanation of text amendment (attach additional sheets as necessary):

Current membership requirements of the Historic Preservation Board include one architect. Because the majority of the Board do not have architectural backgrounds and they review design and construction documents, those Board members rely heavily on the Board member who is an architect for technical expertise. The addition of another architect Board member will relieve some of the burden from the current sole architect and provide another professional opinion to the Board.

Proposed text amendment (attach additional sheets as necessary):

Section 2-502. Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal.

A. Membership.

2. In making appointments to the Historic Preservation Board, membership shall be sought from persons of knowledge, experience, mature judgment, and background, having ability and desire to act in the public interest and representing insofar as may be possible the various special professional training, experience, and interests required to make informed and equitable decisions concerning conservation and protection of the physical environment, and also as follows:

a. The six (6) appointments made by the City Commission and City Manager shall include at least one (1) each from the following professions:

- i. ~~One (1)~~ Two (2) architects or preservation architects registered in the state.
- ii. One (1) historian or architectural historian.
- iii. One (1) certified planner or registered landscape architect.
- iv. One (1) professional in the field of real estate, development, or licensed general contractor.
- v. One (1) attorney-at-law.

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ARTICLE 2 – DECISION MAKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

<i>Powers and duties</i>	<i>Applicable Standards/Procedures</i>
the purposes of historical, archaeological, and heritage conservation	
Recommend approval of historic markers and plaques and give recognition to designated historic landmarks and historic landmark districts within the City	Article 3, Division 11
Advise the City Commission on all matters related to the use, administration and maintenance of City-owned designated historic landmarks and historic landmark districts	Article 3, Division 11

Section 2-502. Membership; Terms; Vacancies; Removal.

A. Membership.

1. The Historic Preservation Board shall be composed of nine (9) members to be confirmed by the City Commission: one (1) member shall be appointed by each member of the City Commission; two (2) citizen at large members shall be appointed by the Commission as a whole; one (1) shall be nominated by the City Manager; and one (1) shall be a citizen-at-large appointed by the Board as a whole.
 2. In making appointments to the Historic Preservation Board, membership shall be sought from persons of knowledge, experience, mature judgment, and background, having ability and desire to act in the public interest and representing insofar as may be possible the various special professional training, experience, and interests required to make informed and equitable decisions concerning conservation and protection of the physical environment, and also as follows:
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 - v. One (1) attorney-at-law.
 - b. The appointment made by the Board shall be of a citizen-at-large with a demonstrated interest in preservation.
 - c. Each member of the Board shall be a resident of the City during the term of his appointment, and also for at least five (5) years prior to appointment unless waived by a four fifths (4/5) vote of the City Commission.
 - d. Special advisors may be appointed by the City Commission upon recommendation by the Historic Preservation Board.
- B. Terms. The members of the Historic Preservation Board shall serve at the pleasure of the City Commission. All appointments shall be for a two (2) year period commencing June 1, and ending on May 31 of the next odd year or until their successor is appointed. No member of the Historic Preservation Board shall serve more than eight (8) consecutive years on the Board.
- C. Vacancies. Appointments to fill any vacancy on the Historic Preservation Board shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. Appointments to unexpired terms shall not count as one (1) of the four (4) terms for which a member is eligible for appointment, unless the unexpired term is two (2) years or more.
- D. Removal. Any member of the Historic Preservation Board may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the City Commission. Board members shall be automatically terminated for three (3) unexcused absences in a two (2) year period. Excused absences shall include illness and absence from the City.