

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1202.04(b)(3) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELEVANT TO ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC BOARD OF REVIEW ADVICE OF CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, historically, the Architectural and Historic Board of Review (“AHBR”) utilizes the services of a third-party consultant in several cases a year involving properties within the City’s historic district; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, the AHBR has utilized the services of a state historic preservation consultant in its review of properties within the historic district, yet the consultant was not a registered architect; and

WHEREAS, the AHBR and City staff changed consultants during 2023 but this has led to increased costs of several thousand dollars each year and reduced the level of service; and

WHEREAS, the City administration recommends a change in the Codified Ordinances that would allow, as a part of the engagement process, the City to consider consulting firms recognized by the state historic preservation office in addition to licensed architects; and

WHEREAS, amending the Codified Ordinances would provide for a larger range of consultants for the AHBR and the City to consider and reduce costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1. That Section 1202.04(b)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson be amended to provide as follows, with the additions being underlined and bolded:

Advice of consultant. When requested by official action of the AHBR, the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to employ a qualified, licensed architect **or a State of Ohio Historic Preservation Office qualified consultant** to consult with and assist the AHBR on any and all matters set forth in this Code. If the Historic District and/or historic landmarks are involved, such architect shall be a qualified restoration architect. Such consultation and assistance shall be strictly advisory and the AHBR shall not be bound by the architect’s recommendation or opinion.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 25-28 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2025.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council