

## Chapter 3.85

(Ord # 827, as codified)

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION****Sections:**

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**3.85.010      Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to meet the requirements to participate in Alaska's historic preservation program by becoming a certified local government and to establish a historic preservation commission. (Ord. 899 § 3 (part), 2006)

**3.85.020      Commission established.**

A. There is established the Petersburg historic commission which shall be advisory to the city council. The commission shall be composed of seven members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council and shall serve without compensation. Members of the commission shall, to the extent feasible, include an architect or a historical architect, an archaeologist, and a historian. One member of the commission shall be a member of the city council or an appointee of the council, one member shall be a member of the planning commission or an appointee of the commission, and one member shall be a member of the Clausen Museum board or an appointee of the board.

B. Vacancies on the board shall be filled pursuant to Section 3.04.060(A) of this code. Initial appointments shall be two members for one year terms, two members for two-year terms, and three members for three-year terms. Thereafter, the term of each member shall be three years.

C. Each action of the commission shall require a majority of four affirmative votes.

D. The commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson and a secretary who shall be responsible for ensuring that an accurate record of the proceedings of the commission is kept.

E. The commission shall meet at least twice each year and shall make an annual report to the city council in the month of October of each year. The commission shall give reasonable public notice of its meetings as required in Section 3.10.020(B) of this code. All meetings shall be held in accordance with Alaska's Open Meetings Law and in a facility that is accessible to persons with disabilities.

F. In the event a member misses two or more consecutive meetings of the commission, without being excused by the commission, the member shall automatically forfeit membership on the commission.

G. The community development department shall provide staff support and assistance as the commission may require. (Ord. 899 § 3 (part), 2006)

**3.85.030      Responsibilities, duties and powers.**

The commission shall:

- A. Develop a local historic preservation plan for the consideration and approval of the city council;
- B. Develop a local historic resources inventory;
- C. Submit recommendations to the city council of properties within the city which may be considered for the National Register of Historic Places;
- D. Work towards the continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation and the history of Petersburg and Alaska;

- E. Support the Alaska Historic Preservation Act;
- F. Cooperate and consult with the planning commission, the Clausen Museum and such other boards, commissions and individuals on all matters concerning historical districts and historic, prehistoric and archaeological preservation in the city;
- G. As may be determined by the city council, perform such actions and activities which may be beneficial for the historic, prehistoric and archaeological preservation of the city. (Ord. 899 § 3 (part), 2006)