



Brief Summary of the Opelousas Historic District Ordinance

The Opelousas Historic District Ordinance was enacted in 2001.

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| Sections 1-6 | Deal with the establishment of the Historic District Commission, the members, the scheduled meetings and the rules and regulations. |
| Section 7 | Defines the Historic District and its boundaries. |
| Sections 8-10 | Describe when it is necessary to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) and how to apply for the COA, the process involved with hearing the COA and notification of the commission's decision. |
| Sections 11-15 | Deal with the appeals process and various penalties for non-compliance. |
| Section 16 | Describes the requirements for new construction including the scale of the proposed construction, materials, architectural elements, etc. |
| Section 17 | Describes the requirements for the preservation or restoration of an historic property including the standards to be followed, the materials to be used, etc. |
| Sections 18-20 | Deal with fences, floodlights and overhanging balconies. |
| Section 21 | Deals with signs including what constitutes a sign, free-standing versus on buildings, materials used, size requirements, temporary signs, etc. |
| Section 22 | Aerials, Antennas, etc. |
| Section 23 | Describes minimum maintenance requirements. |
| Section 24 | Describes "Demolition by Neglect". |
| Section 25 | Defines mobile homes, mobile home parks, and portable buildings and discusses pre-existing structures. NO ADDITIONAL MOBILE HOMES MAY BE PLACED IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT and those in existence must comply with the City's Code of Ordinances. |

The copy of the entire ordinance is available at Opelousas Tourism
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www.cityofopelousas.com .