

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN  
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER AND ADVISORY TO THE PLANNING BOARD

SECTION 1. Findings: a. The Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown finds that there area areas, specific sites and specific structures within the Township of Bordentown that are of significance in the history of the United States, the State of New Jersey, the County of Burlington and the Township of Bordentown and that it is in the public interest to identify those areas, sites and structures and to encourage and support the preservation of those areas, sites and structures.

b. The effort to identify historic areas, sites and structures is appropriately within the jurisdiction of the Planning Board which has the responsibility to develop, review and maintain the Master Plan for the Township of Bordentown.

c. It is appropriate to establish an Historic Preservation Advisory Committee under and as advisor to the Planning Board to assist with the identification of historic areas, sites and structures and to encourage and support the preservation of those areas, sites and structures, including the identification of sources for financial support for such historic preservation.

SECTION 2. Historic Preservation Advisory Committee.

A. Responsibilities. There is hereby created a Historic Preservation Advisory Committee under and advisory to the Planning Board.

B. Membership. The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members. The members shall be:

(1) A member of the Planning Board, appointed annually by the Planning Board.

(2) Four members appointed by the Township Committee with terms of two years, staggered so that two terms expire each year. Not more than two of the members may be non-residents of the Township, selected because of their knowledge and experience in historic preservation.

B. Organization

(1) The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from its members and select a Secretary, to keep a record of the proceedings before the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, which shall include the voting records of the members, their attendance, resolutions acted upon by the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee and any of its findings, determinations and decisions.

(2) At least three members of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business.

C. Powers of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee shall have the power to:

(1) Recommend to the planning board and the Township Committee sites and structures appropriate to be designated as historic landmarks in accordance with any procedures which may be set forth in the township land use ordinance.

(2) Research and re-evaluate properties proposed for inclusion in a cultural resources survey against the criteria for the national register of historic places and prepare nominations for the consideration of the state historical preservation officer. Such properties shall be reviewed in consideration of, but not limited to, the criteria for historic designation as established by the Office of New Jersey Heritage, and the national park service.

(3) Advise the planning board and zoning board of adjustment on development that affects historic landmarks, in accordance with any procedures set forth in the township zoning ordinance.

(4) Assist and advise other municipal agencies and public bodies in the understanding of historic landmark significance and techniques of historic preservation.

(5) Collect and disseminate material on the importance of historic preservation and techniques for achieving same.

(6) Report at least annually to the planning board and the Township Committee on the state of historic preservation in the township and to recommend measures to improve same.

(7) Assist in the identification of sources for financial assistance eligibility for those persons who seek to maintain and preserve historic sites and structures and to recommend support of applications for such assistance by the Township.

### SECTION 3. Repealer, Severability and Effective Date.

A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.

C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication of notice in accordance with the law.

INTRODUCED: JANUARY 29, 2015

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 23, 2015