

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

A proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25, Historic Structures, Sites and Places, Section 25-3 - Register, 25-8 - Presumptive qualification for registration, and 25-9 – Non-presumptive qualification for registration, of the Code of the Town of Vienna.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA THAT:

Section 1: The Town Code, Chapter 25, Historic Structures, Sites and Places, Section 25-3 - Register, 25-8 - Presumptive qualification for registration, and 25-9 – Non-presumptive qualification for registration, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25-3. - Register.

The Town Manager is authorized and directed to compile a register of such structures, sites and places of historic significance (register) as are approved by the Town Council for inclusion in such register, to publish the same in pamphlet form with a brief description of each structure, site, and place included therein, and to revise and update the same not less frequently than once each two years.

(Code 1969, § 25-3; Ord. of 11-7-1988)

Sec. 25-8. - Presumptive qualification for registration.

In considering applications for inclusion on the register, the Town Manager, the board of Historic Vienna, Inc., and the Town Council shall consider the following structures, sites and places as presumptively entitled to inclusion on the register:

- (a) Buildings and other structures erected at their present location ~~prior to 1900~~ that are **at least 100 years old** and which retain all or a substantial portion of their original dimension and appearance.
- (b) Businesses continuously conducted in the Town ~~since for prior to 1900~~ **at least 100 years old** under the same name or in the same location.
- (c) Sites and places in the Town that have been used continuously ~~since for prior to 1900~~ **at least 100 years old** for the same purposes, or have remained essentially unchanged since the abandonment or discontinuation of such use.

(Code 1969, § 25-8; Ord. of 11-7-1988)

Sec. 25-9. - Non-presumptive qualification for registration.

In developing recommendations and taking action on applications for inclusion on the register of structures, sites and places other than those described in section 25-8, the Town Manager, the board of Historic Vienna, Inc., and the Town Council shall consider:

- (a) Structures, sites and places that are more than 50 years old, and possess significance related to the founding or development of the Town or to persons who have achieved local, regional or national prominence;
- (b) Structures, sites or places which are over 50 years old and considered to be symbolic of the Town's history by reason of their architecture or in the way they have been used;
- (c) Structures, sites or places less than 50 years old which are considered so unusually or uniquely connected with the Town's historical development as to qualify for inclusion on the register notwithstanding their being less than 50 years old.

(Code 1969, § 25-9; Ord. of 11-7-1988)

Section 2: This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days following notice of adoption by the Town Council.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Linda Colbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk