

ORDINANCE 531

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AN HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LACEY AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE

Section 1. There is hereby added to the Lacey Municipal Code a new chapter, 2.42, to read as follows:

"2.42.010. Creation. There is created a commission to be known as the Lacey Historical Commission, which shall perform all of the duties and shall have all of the authority hereinafter set out.

"2.42.020. Membership - Terms. The commission shall consist of nine members, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Lacey City Council. The initial appointments to the historical commission shall be staggered: Three members shall be appointed for one year, three members shall be appointed for two years and three members shall be appointed for three years. Thereafter, the terms shall be for three years. Membership on the commission shall be limited to two full terms.

"The commission members shall not receive any salary or other compensation for services rendered on the commission, but necessary expenses actually incurred and within the budget as set by the annual budget ordinance shall be paid.

"Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired terms. Members may be removed, after public hearing, by the mayor with the approval

of the city council, for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations.

"One ex-officio member shall be designated by the Lacey Planning Commission, Lacey Library Board, the Parks Commission and Lacey City Council (totaling four members), who shall be active participants in the activities of the commission but shall not be voting members.

"2.42.030. Officers - Records. The commission shall select its own chairperson from within its membership and may create such other offices as it may deem necessary and shall adopt all necessary rules for the transaction of its business and the keeping of its own records. A recording secretary shall also be appointed.

"An accurate record shall be kept of the proceedings of all meetings, including all motions, resolutions and transactions, findings and determinations, which records shall be public and a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the city clerk after each meeting.

"An accurate record of all items of historical relevance donated to the city and the location of those belonging to private citizens shall be maintained as an active, up-to-date reference file.

"2.42.040. Expenditures. The expenditures of the historical commission, exclusive of gifts donated for a specific

purpose, shall be for the purposes and within the limits of the amounts appropriated therefor by a simple majority vote of the commission.

"2.42.050. Powers and Duties. The historical commission shall have the power and it shall be its duty, subject to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by ordinance.

"A. To adopt such bylaws, rules and regulations for its own guidance and for the government of the commission as it deems expedient;

"B. To have the supervision of all property of the city or loaned to the city which is of historical relevance, including photographs, slides, newsclippings, literature and any other pertinent matter - inclusive of rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart therefor;

"C. To accept such gifts of money or property for historical preservation and historical purposes as are approved by the City Council and as it deems expedient and allow for said items to be available from the Lacey Library;

"D. To encourage and provide leadership as necessary assisting in, encouraging, developing and otherwise maintaining a form of local historical society within the community;

"E. To be advisory to the city council in its determination of historically relevant matters of consideration in the city planning process;

"F. To provide and make available for public use, historical information about the city to any agency, council, organization or person requesting such;

"G. To determine and develop an ongoing method of collecting and maintaining information of historical relevance of the continuing history of the city;

"H. To provide the community with various historically-related services;

"I. To initiate publications of a written record of the research collected;

"J. To encourage donations of historically-related materials to the commission;

"K. To disseminate historical information to public local news media.

"2.42.060. Quorum. A majority of the membership of the historical commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by a majority of those present when those present constitute a quorum, at any regular or special meeting of the historical commission, shall be deemed and taken as the action of the commission."

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY,

WASHINGTON, this 24th day of MAY, 1979.

Attest:

CITY COUNCIL

Timothy McGuire
City Clerk

By Karew R. Travis
Mayor

Approved as to Form:

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