

ORDINANCE NO. 2491  
INTRODUCED BY: Fiedler

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton (the "City"), like many cities, faces difficulties filling vacancies on various boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, under the Brighton Municipal Code (the "BMC"), the Brighton Historic Preservation Commission (the "HPC") is to consist of seven (7) members, with a corresponding quorum of four (4) members; and

WHEREAS, the HPC currently has four members and has been frequently unable to hold meetings due to not meeting quorum requirements; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado Certified Local Government program is the enabling program for the HPC and requires that the HPC meet at least four times per fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, certain amendments are necessary to the BMC to lower the number of members of the HPC and lower the quorum requirement of the HPC to better implement the historic preservation program within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed amendments to the BMC and has found that the amendments, as provided herein, are in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Brighton, Colorado, as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-66-10(b) of the Brighton Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

- (b) Except as provided in Paragraph (1) below, the Historic Preservation Commission shall consist of five (5) members. Members shall be residents of the City for at least one (1) year prior to their appointment and shall have a demonstrated interest or expertise in preservation-related disciplines, including but not limited to history, architecture, landscape architecture, architectural history, historic archaeology, urban planning, American studies, American civilization, or related disciplines such as the building trades,

cultural geography, cultural anthropology, real estate, finance, or law. The City Manager, or his or her designee, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the Historic Preservation Commission. In addition to the five (5) voting members and two (2) alternate members, the Mayor and City Council may appoint an Emeritus member in order to provide additional expertise, historical knowledge, and valuable input to the Commission. Similarly, a Youth Commission member may also be appointed by the Mayor and City Council to serve on the Commission at any time. A quorum of the Historic Preservation Commission shall be at least three (3) voting members.

Section 2. Section 2-66-10(b)(1) of the Brighton Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) No fewer than two (2) members of the Historic Preservation Commission shall be professionals, as described in Appendix 1, Historic Preservation Professional Qualifications, of the Colorado Certified Local Government Handbook, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 3. Section 2-66-10(c) of the Brighton Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

- (c) The City Council may appoint, in addition to the five (5) voting members of the Historic Preservation Commission, two (2) alternate members of the Commission for terms of four (4) years. The initial terms of the alternates shall be two (2) years and thereafter the terms of alternates shall be four (4) years. For the purposes of this provision, a term shall include the balance of an unexpired term by an alternate appointed to fill a vacancy if such unexpired term exceeds twenty-four (24) months.

Section 4. As provided in City Charter Section 5.9(A), this Ordinance, either as presented or as amended, shall be published in full as it was adopted after the initial reading. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after its final publication, as provided in City Charter Section 5.8.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED, THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY, THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

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GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

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NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

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