Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_O-10-12

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 24 of the City Code, Entitled, "Zoning,"
Article XII, Entitled, "Preservation of Historic Resources," §25-225, Entitled,
"Historic District Commission," so as to Conform to Maryland House Bill 858
Regarding the Number of Historic District Commission
Full Members and Alternate Members

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, that Chapter 24 of the City Code Article XII, § 25-225 is amended as follows:

## Chapter 24

## ARTICLE XII. - PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Sec. 24-225. - Historic district commission.

Historic district commission, commission. The mayor and city council shall appoint a commission of seven (7) members plus two (2) alternates at least five (5) members and one (1) alternate member all of whom are qualified consistent with the provisions of Chapter 426, § 8-202 Article 66B, § 8.03, MD. CODE ANN., as established by the following criteria:

- (a) Persons who have demonstrated special interest, specific knowledge or professional or academic training in such fields as history, architecture, architectural history, planning, archaeology, anthropology, curation, conservation, landscape architecture, historic preservation, urban design or related disciplines and agree to serve on this commission, and a majority of whom are residents of the city. At least two (2) members of the commission shall possess professional or academic training in one or more of the above listed fields in accordance with the minimum professional requirements of the United States Department of the Interior for certifying local governments under 36 C.F.R. Part 61
- (b) The members of the commission shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years each, except that, in making the initial appointments, some appointments shall be established for less than three (3) years in order that, as these initial terms expire, all appointments shall be for three (3) years, and shall not expire at the same time. Members of the commission are eligible for reappointment and any vacancy on the

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- commission shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term of the particular position.
- (c) Members of the historic district commission are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Members may be recommended by local organizations to the mayor for consideration. A councilmember may be appointed as a liaison to the historic district commission. The liaison will serve in non-voting capacity.
- (d) Members of the commission may be removed after public hearing by the city council for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.
- (e) The commission shall adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper transaction of its business. Rules and regulations of the commission shall be subject to approval by resolution of the historic district commission.
- (f) Members of the historic district commission shall receive such compensation as deemed appropriate by the city council.

ADOPTED, this 17th day of December, 2012, by the City Council of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

NEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and

President of the Council

DELIVERED to the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, Maryland, this 17th day of December, 2012. Approved by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg this 17th day of December, 2012.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of Gaithersburg, in public meeting assembled, on the 17th day of December, 2012, and that the same was approved by the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg on the 17th day of December, 2012. This Ordinance will become effective on the 7th day of January, 2013.

Tony Tomasello, City Manager

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