

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO

**_____ AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE REVISED CODE
OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS 1997**

AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Holyoke as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 18-34 entitled “Demolition Delay Ordinance, Division 1 entitled “Generally”, Article II entitled “Building Code” of Chapter 18 entitled “Buildings and Building Regulations” of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Holyoke, Massachusetts, 1997, as amended, is hereby further amended:

BY REMOVING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE

“Section 18-34. – Demolition Delay Ordinance”

AND REPLACING WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE

“Section 18-34. – Preservation of Historic Buildings Ordinance:

SECTION 2. In paragraph (c) entitled “Procedure”:

BY REMOVING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE

“(6) The commission shall make its written determination within 14 days of the close of the public hearing and shall notify the commissioner and the applicant of the same by certified mail. If the commission determines that the demolition of the historically significant building or structure would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resources of the city, the commissioner shall issue the demolition permit forthwith. If the commission determines that the demolition of the historically significant building or structure would be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resources of the city, a demolition delay shall be imposed and no demolition permit shall be issued for six months from the date of the commission’s decision.”

BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE

“(6) The commission shall make its written determination within 14 days of the close of the public hearing and shall notify the commissioner and the applicant of the same by certified mail. If the commission determines that the demolition of the historically significant building or structure would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resources of the city, the commissioner shall issue the demolition permit forthwith. If the commission determines that the demolition of the historically significant building or structure would be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resources of the city, a demolition delay shall be imposed and no demolition permit shall be issued until the Holyoke Historical Commission has been given a period of no more than three (3) months to conduct a public hearing and then for a period of nine (9) months from the date of the commission’s decision.”

SECTION 3. In paragraph (c) entitled “Procedure”, subparagraph (3), before the term “All costs related to the public hearing shall be borne by the applicant.”

BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE

“Notice of the public hearing must also be made by placing a written notice at the site of the historic building or structure.”

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kathleen E. Degnan
Assistant City Solicitor