

An Ordinance protecting historical buildings within the Village of Lithopolis from demolition or modification that detracts from its historical or potential historical value until such time that Council repeals this ordinance or Council establishes a Architectural Review Commission or other body with the responsibility to oversee historic buildings.

Whereas, Council desires to protect the historical buildings within the village, and

Whereas, in the last decade the village has lost several historic structures and buildings, and

Whereas, Council intends to establish an Architectural Review Commission or other body to with the responsibility to oversee historic buildings, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO;

Section 1. The Council of the Village of Lithopolis declares that no historic structure shall be demolished, altered or modified within the village limits without prior review and approval by Council.

Section 2. Upon receipt of a zoning permit request, the Zoning Inspector shall determine if the structure is 75 years old or more. If the building is 75 years old or more the permit requestor shall be advised that no permit shall be issued unless authorized by Council, after review and determination if the structure has historical value.

Section 3. Historic structures shall be defined as any building over 75 years old that, Council determines, fall into one of the following categories:

Rarity - A building is one of a very few that remain today, and is thus significant for what it represents.

Unique or unusual example - A historic building that is unusual, creative or unique.

Outstanding example - A historic building that is significant because it is a particularly good example of its type.

Connected to a well-known person - A buildings that is significant by association if the owners, designers, builders or users also have a place in history.

Associated with a historic event - The place of history become significant.

Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared an emergency measure in that the public peace, safety, health and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Lithopolis are involved and specifically to prevent the further loss or destruction of historic structures and buildings.