

ORDINANCE NUMBER 344

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA, CHAPTER 9.5 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BY ADDING A NEW SECTION ARTICLE VI TO DESIGNATE AN HISTORIC DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF MONTEZUMA AND TO PRESCRIBE THE BOUNDARIES OF SUCH HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Mayor and Council have established the Historic Preservation Commission in and for the city by its Ordinance of October 8, 1996.

Pursuant to its purposes under said Ordinance establishing the Historic Preservation Commission, the Commission has recommended to the Mayor and Council the establishment of an historic district in this city;

The Commission's recommendation to the Mayor and Council for such number of historic districts comes after the Commission's conducting of a survey of local historic resources and a study of historic characteristics of the area recommended for designation (downtown area);

The Historic Preservation Commission has prepared a report setting forth the physical description of the proposed historic district; a statement of the historical, cultural, architectural and/or aesthetic significance of this area; a map showing the district boundaries and classification of individual properties therein; a statement justifying the district;

The Mayor and Council upon consideration of the recommendation and report of the Historic Preservation Commission find that the proposed historic district is a geographically definable area containing buildings, structures, sites, objects, landscape features and works of art or a combination thereof which have special historic and aesthetic value or interest in representing one or more periods, styles or types of architecture typical of one or more eras in history of the city, the county, the state or the region in which the city is located and causes such area, by reason of such factors, to constitute a visibly perceptible section of the city;

The City council and by the authority of the same it is hereby ordained as follows;

Section 9.5-60 Purpose

In support and furtherance of its findings and determination that the historical, cultural and aesthetic heritage is essential to the promotion of the health, prosperity and general welfare of the people; and in order to stimulate revitalization of the business districts and historic neighborhoods and to protect and enhance local historical and aesthetic attractions to tourists and thereby promote and stimulate business; and in accordance with the ordinance to establish a Historic Preservation Commission in the city; to provide for the designation of historic districts; to provide for issuance of certificates of appropriateness; to provide for an appeals procedure; to repeal conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes;

The City Council hereby declares it to be the purpose and intent of this ordinance to designate a historic district in a geographically definable area containing buildings, structures, sites, objects, landscape features and works of art or a combination thereof which have special historic and aesthetic value or interest in representing one or more periods, styles or types or architecture typical of one or more eras in the history of the city, the county or the state.

Section 9.5-61 Designation of Historic District and Boundary Description

There is hereby created and designated in and for the city the Downtown Montezuma Historic Business District with boundaries as follows:

Commencing at the corner of Drayton Street and Church Street, going east across Dooly Street, following the northern boundary of the Dairy Queen property (Block D, Lot 1) until it intersects with the Budget Inn Motel property (Block D, Lot 9). Follow the northern and easterly boundary of the Budget Inn Motel property to West Railroad Street. Go on a straight line east to the intersection of East Railroad Street and Seed Road (Gladys Hair Street). Continue on Seed Road (Gladys Hair Street), both sides, to Spaulding Road, both sides, to the Levee. Follow the Levee in a south-southwesterly direction across South Dooly Street at the Beaver Creek Bridge continuing west to the end of the Levee. Follow a straight line north from end of the Levee to the southwest corner of the Felton Cemetery property. Follow the boundary of the cemetery to Oglethorpe Road. Follow Oglethorpe Road, both sides, in a easterly direction to Drayton Street. Follow Drayton Street (east side only) north to where Drayton intersects with Church Street.

Section 9.5-62 List of property in the Downtown Montezuma Historic Business District and Ownership thereof.

The attached list indicates properties that are located within the Historic District as created in Section 9.5-60 hereof and the owner thereof is set forth beside the name of each property.

Section 9.5-63 Downtown Montezuma Historic Business District Boundaries on the Official Zoning Map

Upon designation, the Historic District shall be shown on the Official Zoning Map of the city and kept as a public record to provide notice of such designation. This district shall be known as "Downtown Historic Business District, DHBD-1"

SO ORDAINED this 13th day of May, 2003.

CITY OF MONTEZUMA, GEORGIA

By: _____
Willie J. Larry – Mayor

Attest: _____
Joyce H. Hardy – City Clerk

