

**TOWN OF CLINTON
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 23-18**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-3 OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING THE
POWERS OF THE HISTORIC COMMISSION TO PERMIT THE SOLICITATION
AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton desire to expand the powers and responsibilities of the Town of Clinton Historic Commission to include the solicitation and acceptance of grant monies and donations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12-3 of the Code of the Town of Clinton (the "Code"), entitled "Responsibilities" (1) is hereby amended as follows (additions noted in bold italics ***thus*** and deletions noted in strikethrough ~~thus~~); and (2) portions of the Code not set forth below shall remain unchanged:

Powers and Responsibilities.

The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the ***power and*** responsibility to:

- A. Prepare a survey of historic sites.
- B. Coordinate with the Land Use Board as appropriate on historic sites.
- C. Work with individuals, groups and other political entities to further historic interests.
- D. Study the advisability of historical districts within the town.
- E. Carry out such other advisory, educational and informational functions as will promote historic preservation in Clinton.
- F. Establish a home for historic artifacts and provide leadership in the community for the collection, display of and enjoyment of historic memorabilia and events.
- G. Nonbinding review of applications for permits to demolish or partially demolish historic structures as set forth in Chapter 88, Article XV.

H. Raise funds and solicit donations to offset the Commission's operational costs and fund the Commission's grant programs permitted by subsection J hereunder. All donations shall be accepted by resolution of the Town Council. All funds so raised shall be turned over to the Town Chief Financial Officer. All expenditures by the Commission shall be approved by Resolution of the Town Council, with the exception of grants provided to residents and property owners under the programs authorized by subsection J below.

I. Apply for and accept grant monies. Grant applications shall be authorized by resolution of the Commission. Receipt of grant monies must be approved by Resolution of the Town Council and all grant funds received must be turned over to the Town Chief Financial Officer.

J. Facilitate and administer grant programs for Town residents and property owners to encourage the rehabilitation and restoration of historic buildings.

K. Facilitate and administer a scholarship program for students interested in pursuing a career in history or historic preservation.

SECTION 2. Section 12-6 of the Code of the Town of Clinton (the “Code”), entitled “Finances” (1) is hereby amended as follows (additions noted in bold italics *thus* and deletions noted in strikethrough *thus*); and (2) portions of the Code not set forth below shall remain unchanged:

A. The Mayor and Council shall make provision in its budget and appropriate funds for the Historic Preservation Commission, which shall be raised by taxation in the same manner as other taxes.

B. The Chief Financial Officer shall oversee all expenditures and purchases of the Historic Preservation Commission. The Chief Financial Officer shall keep track of all expenditures and revenues for the Historic Preservation Commission during the course of the budget year so that its expenditures are consistent with budgeted amounts and all revenues are accounted for.

C. Expenditures of the Historic Preservation Commission are limited by its annual appropriation as approved by the Mayor and Council, and such funds ~~it the Commission has raised via grant or donations from fees collected~~.

D. All monies received by the Historic Preservation Commission shall be paid over to the Town Chief Financial Officer to be deposited and appropriated in accordance with all local government finance laws.

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

Cecilia Covino, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Introduction: September 13, 2023