

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>20-122</b>	Meeting:	<b>March 9, 2020</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>38</b>	Roll Call:	<b>20-0457</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Chris Johansen, Community Development Director</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by repealing paragraph (a) of Section 58-30 thereof, and enacting a new paragraph (a) to Section 58-30 regarding the required qualifications for appointment as an at-large member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

### SYNOPSIS:

The proposed amendment would reduce the number of at-large members of the Historic Preservation Commission that must have professional qualifications from six (6) to four (4). This would allow up to two (2) at-large members to be appointed that did not meet the professional qualifications. In addition, the amendment would expand the list of qualifying professions to include landscape architect, architectural historian, archeologist and real estate attorney. The changes are intended to broaden the ability to find appointments. Staff recommends approval of the proposal.

### FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Historic Preservation Commission is made up of six (6) at-large members and two (2) residents from each local historic district and currently has 12 seats. At-large members are required to have a demonstrated interest in historic preservation, and at least one (1) of the following professional qualifications: architect, urban planner, structural or civil engineer, historian, sociologist, real estate broker, or builder.
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- The proposed amendment was reviewed by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs in accordance with the City's Certificate Local Government agreement with the State of Iowa. The changes are supported by State of Iowa staff.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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