

KEY NH LAWS (REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED) REFERENCING HISTORIC DISTRICT & HERITAGE COMMISSIONS

Definition of historic district commission as a local land use board

672:7 Local land use board

Establishment of local land use boards

673:1,II. Authority for a heritage commission or historic district commission
673:4 Criteria for membership of a historic district commission
673:4-a Criteria for membership of a heritage commission
673:5 Terms of local land use board members
673:6 Appointment of alternate members
673:7(c) Planning board member serving on heritage commission and/or historic district commission

Operational procedures

673:10,I. Scheduling of meetings
673:11 Designation of alternate members
673:12 Filling vacancies in membership
673:13 Removal of members
673:14 Disqualification of member / conflict of interest provisions
673:16 Staff and finances; acceptance of gifts, grants, and contributions
673:17 Requirements for open meetings and records, referencing RSA 91-A ("the Right-to-Know Law")

Abolition of a heritage commission or historic district commission

673:18 Procedure for abolishing a heritage commission or historic district commission
673:20 Cessation of authority if commission is abolished
673:21 Requirements for transfer of documents upon abolition

Purpose and authority of heritage commissions

674:44-a Purposes
674:44-b Powers and duties
674:44-b,III. Allows heritage commissions to assume the composition and duties of historic district commissions, if authorized by the local legislative body
674:44-c Allows municipalities to maintain separate heritage commissions and historic district commissions
674:44-d Appropriations authorized / creation and use of a heritage fund

Purpose and authority of historic districts

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674:46 Authority granted
674:46-a Powers and duties
674:46-a,V. Allows historic district commissions to assume the composition and duties of heritage commissions, if authorized by the local legislative body
674:47 Procedure for abolishing a historic district
674:48 Limitations of authority
674:49 Enforcement
674:50 Remedies for violations / authority for historic district commission to "institute any appropriate action or proceedings" against violations

Enactment and adoption procedures for historic district ordinances and regulations

675:1,I,(d) Requirements for adoption of historic district regulations (referencing 674:46-a)
675:1,II. Requirements for adoption of historic district ordinances (referencing 674:46)
675:2 Method of enactment in municipalities governed by a council
675:3 Method of enactment in municipalities not governed by a council
675:4 Method of enactment by petition
675:6 Method for adoption of historic district regulations
675:7 Notice requirements
675:8-9 Requirements for filing ordinances, regulations, and amendments

Administration and enforcement procedures

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676:2 Procedures for joint meetings and hearings
676:3 Requirements for issuing decisions
676:5 Appeal to the zoning board of adjustment (ZBA)
676:6 Effect of appeal to the ZBA – stays any action and maintains the status quo pending decision by the ZBA
676:8-9 Requirements for reviewing and acting on building permits / consultations with officials, groups, and persons
676:10 Procedures for enforcement in municipalities without other land use boards and/or land use officials
676:12 Building permits to be withheld while changes in the zoning ordinance or building code are pending
676:14 Determination of precedence of local ordinances and regulations
676:15 Authority to institute injunctions and other remedies or relief
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Rehearings and appeals

677:2 Motion for rehearing of ZBA decision
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