

**HATTIESBURG HISTORIC COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING SCHEDULE
2018-2019 CALENDAR***

2018

January 10, 2018
February 14, 2018
March 14, 2018
April 11, 2018
May 9, 2018
June 13, 2018
July 11, 2018
August 8, 2018
September 12, 2018
October 10, 2018
November 14, 2018
December 12, 2018

2019

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***Application deadlines are ten (10)
days prior to each meeting**

Historic Commissioners

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The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Ordinance

was passed in June 1985, declaring that:

“the protection, enhancement and perpetuation of properties of cultural, architectural, archaeological or historic merit is a public necessity and is required in the interest of the health, prosperity and welfare of the people.”

The Historic Conservation Ordinance*:

- Creates the Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission (HHCC) to guide the protection and development of the historic resources of the community.
- Provides for the establishment of historic conservation districts and other historical, cultural and architectural landmarks and sites.

***The ordinance applies to the following districts:**

- **Hattiesburg Historic Neighborhood District**
- **North Main Historic District**
- **Oaks Historic District**
- **Newman-Buschman Historic District**
- **Parkhaven Historic District**
- **Others as designated by City Council.**
- Requires that a *Certificate of Appropriateness* (COA) be issued for **exterior** alterations to properties within the designated districts.
- Exterior alterations include, but are not limited to repairs, remodeling, demolition, new construction, tree removal, and alteration or addition of fences, walks, driveways or other major landscaping elements.

Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission

The Hattiesburg Historic Conservation Commission (HHCC) is a nine-member board of volunteer citizens who often live in historic neighborhoods and are appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council, for the purpose of guiding and protecting the City’s historic resources.

Historic Conservation Commission members meet monthly to review Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. The review process is guided by the Historic Conservation Ordinance and the *Hattiesburg Design Guidelines Manual*, adopted by the City and based on the U.S. Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Hattiesburg’s Design Guidelines include but are not limited to the following criteria:

Exterior alterations should be compatible with the building itself; original design and style must be considered.

Signs should be compatible with the building with which it is related; the materials, style, size and patterns used should be compatible with the building and environment.

New construction should be visually compatible with the buildings and environment to which it is related, maintaining the rhythm created by building masses, relationships between windows and door, materials and texture, and other factors.

Demolition in locally designated historic districts is not appropriate, although it may be considered under extenuating conditions. If, for example, the structural stability of a building poses a hazard to public health and safety, or if the conditions of the building are such that rehabilitation is not feasible.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS Application Process*

Applicants are encouraged to call & schedule an appointment with the Historic Preservation Planner at 601-554-1031, to obtain information and guidelines prior to planning their projects.

To apply for a *Certificate of Appropriateness* (COA):

1. Obtain an “Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness” from the Planning Division or from www.hattiesburgms.com.
2. Complete form and attach all pertinent information such as drawings, descriptions, and specified materials.
3. Return form and supplemental materials to the Historic Preservation Planner.
4. If a complete application is submitted with all required information prior to the agenda cutoff date, the request will be placed on the agenda for the next monthly meeting of the HHCC.
*Regular meetings are held at noon on the second Wednesday of the month. **The agenda cutoff is generally 14 days prior to the Commission meeting to allow for notification and posting.**
5. Meetings of the HHCC are public hearings. Consequently, notice of the meeting is posted on a sign on the applicant’s property at least five days prior to the commission meeting.
6. Applicants or their representative are required to attend the hearing in order to answer questions about the application
7. Following presentation of the applications for COA, members of the HHCC discuss and vote on each application.
8. Once a COA is approved and signed, applicants may obtain any necessary permits for their project.

*Painting, interior alterations, and routine repairs or maintenance that do not change appearance do not require a COA; however, Letters of Compliance and Building Permits may be required for such work.