

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1190, PROVIDING FOR THE CROWLEY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; AND TO REDESIGNATE AND NUMBER CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-20 ET. SEQ. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AND TERM OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION; TO DESIGNATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; TO AUTHORITY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND REGULATION OF STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMISSION; AND TO GENERALLY PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley is desirous of promoting the educational, cultural and economic welfare of the public of the City of Crowley by protecting historic structures and neighborhoods which serve as visible reminders of the history and heritage of the city, region, state and nation, and furthermore, it is the purpose of this ordinance to strengthen the economy of the City of Crowley by stabilizing and improving property values in historic areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley has qualified as a Historic District under State and Federal laws for the downtown area and residential areas in East and South Crowley; and

WHEREAS, the City of Crowley desires that said Districts be appropriately preserved in order to protect the unique architectural heritage of the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, many of the buildings have historic significance on an individual basis and when taken as a whole, and significant architectural, economic, and visual appeal to the City of Crowley; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance has been duly introduced and notice of this ordinance and notice of public hearing having been published; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been held in accordance with law on the 11th day of April, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CROWLEY, ACADIA PARISH, IN REGULAR SESSION, DULY CONVENED THAT:

SECTION 1: Ordinance No. 1190 of the City of Crowley, be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted and Section 2-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Crowley is hereby re-designated and re-numbered to read as follows, to-wit:

Section 2-20 Commission Established.

There is hereby created a Commission to be known as the Crowley Historic District Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Historic Commission, or the Commission.

Section 2-21. Recommendation and Appointment of Members.

The Commission shall consist of (not fewer than nine (9) and no more than fifteen (15) members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor.

Section 2-22. Term; Vacancies.

Each of the members of the Commission shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. The Chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Commission. Whenever the term of a member of the Commission expires, the Mayor shall appoint his successor. The members shall served consecutive terms. The first commission shall have staggered terms 1/4th with one (1) year terms, 1/4th with two (2) year terms, 1/4th with three (3), and 1/4th with four (4) year terms. All commission members shall have a demonstrated knowledge of or interest, competence, or expertise in historic preservation. The commission shall seek the advise, as needed, of professionals in the related disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, or archaeology, etc. Advisory members

may be appointed from time-to-time as needed to assist the Commission.

Section 2-23. Administration and Committees.

The Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall serve as advisor to the Commission and will act as liaison between the Commission and the Office of the Mayor. Nominal expenses necessary to carry out the duties of the Commission shall be budgeted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley. The Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee shall designate and appoint the recording secretary for the Commission and all files, records and minutes of the Commission will be maintained by the City of Crowley. The City Attorney shall be the ex officio attorney for the Commission. The Commission may designate and appoint from among its members various committees with such powers and duties as the Commission may have and prescribe.

Section 2-24. Rules Regulations and Guidelines; Meetings; Reports and Recommendations.

The Commission shall make such rules and regulations as it may deem advisable and necessary for the conduct of its affairs, not inconsistent with the laws of the City of Crowley and the State of Louisiana. The Commission shall meet quarterly, but the Commission may hold meetings at any time on the written request of three (3) members or on the call of the Chair of the Commission or of the Mayor. The Commission shall make quarterly reports to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen containing a statement of its activities. Copies of the rules, regulations and guidelines are available at the Crowley Building Inspector's Office.

Section 2-25. Purpose, Duties and Powers.

The Historic District Commission shall have for its purpose the preservation and stewardship of all structures in the designated Historic District of the City of Crowley. The Commission shall have for its further purpose the guardianship of those structures,

which have architectural and historical value and which should be preserved for the benefit of the people of the City and State.

A. No private building, structure or edifice, including fences, boundary walls, signs, light fixtures, steps and paving or other appurtenant fixtures shall be erected, altered, restored, moved or demolished within a designated Historic District of the City of Crowley until after an application for a certificate of appropriateness as to exterior architectural features has been submitted to, and approved by, the Historic District Commission, except as otherwise provided by this Ordinance, or as provided by rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and standards adopted by the Commission. For the purpose of this Ordinance, "exterior architectural features" shall include, but not be limited to, the color, architectural style, general design and general arrangement of the exterior of a structure, including the kind and texture of the building material, the type and the style of all roofs, windows, doors, light fixtures, signs and other appurtenant fixtures. The style, scale, material, size and location of outdoor advertising signs and bill posters within the District shall also be under the control of the Commission.

B. The Historic Commission shall not consider interior arrangement or use but shall consider the relationship of the exterior of the building with all other buildings within the Historic District, so as to avoid incongruity and to promote harmony within the District.

C. The Historic District Commission shall adhere to and seek compatibility of structures in the Historic District in terms of size, texture, scale and site plan, and the Commission shall set forth and define guidelines prior to any exercise of its authority.

D. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repairs which do not involve a change of design, material, or the outward appearance thereof; nor to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration or demolition of any such feature which is required by the public safety because of an unsafe or dangerous condition. The requirements of this Ordinance shall not apply to work which has begun or for which a permit has been issued prior to the establishment of the Historic District.

E. No review, approval, disapproval or recommendation shall be made by the Commission until said Commission has adopted rules, regulations, policies, procedures and standards following a public hearing.

Section 2-26. Designation of Historic Districts.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley may adopt, amend, reject or repeal ordinances designating historic districts when adoption or amendment is pursuant to the following procedure:

- (1) An investigation and report describing the historical, architectural or archaeological significance of the buildings, structures, features, sites or

surroundings included in any such proposed district, and the description of the boundaries of such district has been prepared.

- (2) Historic districts shall consist of areas which are deemed to be of special significance in terms of their history, prehistory, architecture and/or culture, and which possess integrity of design, setting, materials, feeling and association. The area, buildings, structures, sites or objects shall be significant elements of cultural, social, economic, political or architectural history of the City of Crowley or of the archaeological history or prehistory of the City of Crowley. The conservation of such a district will provide for the education, pleasure and enhancement of the quality of life of all residents of the City of Crowley.
- (3) The Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley shall designate the boundaries of a historic district in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article 18, Section 18.01, Amendment Procedures.
- (4) Following the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley's designation and approval of a historic district, the area so designated shall be labeled "HC" for Historic Commercial or "HR" for Historic Residential on the official city zoning map. Numbered designations following the two-letter designation will remain the same or follow the same numbering scheme as the area had previous to the new designation.
- (5) With respect to any changes in the boundaries of such district subsequent to its initial establishment or the creation of additional districts within the City of Crowley, the investigative studies and reports shall be prepared by the Historic District Commission and shall be referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee for its review and implementation. Changes in the boundaries of an initial district or proposals for additional districts shall also be submitted to the State of Louisiana, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of Cultural Development, Division of Historic Preservation, in accordance with the provisions as stated in 7(2) above.

Section 2-27. Definition of Historic Districts

A. COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT (HC)

The following area of the City of Crowley is hereby designated as the "Crowley Historic District, to-wit:

Those certain lots or parcels of ground within the Original City of Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana, being known and described as all of Blocks 21-36-49-64 & 77; Lots 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 & 8 of Block 92; all of the Courthouse Square; Lots 2-4-6 & 8 of Block 91; all of Blocks 78-63 & 50; Lots 7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15 & 16 of Block 35; Lots 4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14 & 15 of Block 22; the East 181.5 feet of Block 7 and all of that area South of the East 181.5 feet of Block 7 up to the railroad right-of-way; and all of Block 8 and all of that area South of Block 8 up to the railroad right-of-way, as per plat of survey of the Original City of Crowley on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Acadia

Parish, Louisiana.

B. RESIDENTIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT (HC)

Reserved

Section 2-28. Application to Commission.

A. The owner of any property within the Historic District shall apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic District Commission before the commencement of work involving:

1. The erection of any new building or construction in the Historic District; or
2. The alteration or addition to any existing building situated within the Historic District; or
3. The painting, repairing or demolition of any existing building situated within the Historic District; or
4. The relocation of any building into or out of the Historic District.

B. The application therefore shall be made to the Commission, accompanied by the full plans and specifications thereof, so far as they relate to the proposed appearance, color, texture or materials and architectural design of the exterior, including the front, sides, rear and roof of such buildings, alterations or addition of any building or outbuilding, party wall, courtyard, sidewalk, driveway, parking area, fence or other dependency thereof.

C. All changes to the Historic Properties within the District should conform to The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings, as amended and published in accordance with law.

D. New building construction within the District should follow the guidelines established by the Commission and the Louisiana Main Street Downtown Design Guidelines. A copy of these publications may be obtained from the Crowley Main Street Office.

E. The Historic Commission shall hold a public hearing upon each application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, except in those instances where the Commission has determined that the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness is not a substantive change and further that the Commission has determined that the certificate complies with standards adopted by the Commission. Notice of time and place of said hearing shall be given by publication in the form of a legal advertisement appearing in the official journal of the City of Crowley at least seven days before such hearing and by the posting of such notice on or near the main entrance of the place where the Commission usually meets.

F. Within not more than forty-five days after the filing of an application, the Commission shall review it, giving consideration to the factors set forth in Section 6 of this Ordinance and shall give written notice of its decision to the applicant, setting forth the reasons thereof. Evidence of approval shall be by Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the Commission and whatever its decision, notice in writing shall be given to the applicant. The Commission shall keep a record of all applications and decisions in the manner described herein.

G. No building permit shall be authorized by the City Inspector which affects a site or structure in the Historic District without a Certificate of Appropriateness, except as otherwise permitted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley.

H. The Commission shall have the right to make such recommendations for changes and modifications as it may deem necessary in order to enable the applicant to meet its requirements.

I. Where, by reason of topographical conditions, irregularly shaped lots or unusual circumstances applicable solely to the particular application, strict enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would result in serious undue hardship peculiarly affecting said applicant, then the commission, in passing upon his application, shall have the power to vary or modify adherence to this Ordinance, provided always that its

requirements insure harmony with the general purposes hereof and will not adversely affect the Historic District as a whole.

Section 2-29. Commission Recommendation and Action Thereon.

The Historic District shall, upon due consideration, render its decision concerning the approval or disapproval of the issuance of a certificate of appropriateness, and it may include such changes as, in its judgment, are reasonably necessary to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance. It may then send its decision, in writing, to the applicant and the Building Inspector. If the permit is approved, the Building Inspector shall promptly issue a permit for such work in conformance with the Commission's decision.

Section 2-30. Appeals.

Any person or persons aggrieved by any decision, act or proceedings of the Historic Commission shall have the right to apply in writing to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley for reversal or modification thereof and the Mayor, or presiding officer of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley, shall have the right to stay all further action until the Board of Aldermen shall have had an opportunity to rule thereon. Any such appeal shall be made within ten days from date of the written decision and the Board of Aldermen may consider said appeal at its next general or special meeting, but, in any event, no more than forty-five days thereafter. The Board of Aldermen may affirm a decision of the Historic District Commission by majority vote of all its members. The Board of Aldermen shall have the right to reverse, change or modify any decision of this Historic District Commission by majority vote of all its members.

Any person or persons aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Aldermen affecting said Historic District shall have the right to file a civil suit within thirty days from the date of the decision in a court of competent jurisdiction under the usual rules of procedure governing same, with the right to stay order and injunctive relief, provided the situation warrants it.

Section 2-31. Injunctions.

Whenever any person has engaged in, or is about to engage in, any act or practice which constitutes or will constitute a violation of this Ordinance, the Commission may make application to the appropriate Court for an order enjoining such act or practice or requiring such person to refrain from such prospective violation or to remedy such violation by restoring the affected property to its previous condition. Upon a showing by the Commission or the City that such a person has engaged, or is about to engage in, such act or practice, a permanent or temporary injunction, temporary restraining or other appropriate order shall be granted without bond.

Section 2-32. Penalties.

Any owner, agent, lessee or other person acting for or in conjunction with him, who shall violate the Historic District Ordinance or law or rules, regulations or decisions of the Commission, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars for each violation, except as hereinafter provided. Any owner, agent, lessee or other person acting for or in conjunction with him, who shall demolish a structure or edifice without having received a certificate of appropriateness may be fined a single fine of not less than one thousand dollars, nor more than ten thousand dollars. For violations other than demolition without a certificate of appropriateness, each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 2-33. Stopping Work Commenced Without Permit.

The Building Inspector shall promptly stop any work attempted to be done without or contrary to a permit issued under this Ordinance and shall promptly prosecute any person responsible for such a violation of this Ordinance or engaged in such violation. Any officer or authorized agent of the Commission shall exercise concurrent or independent powers with the Building Inspector in prosecuting violations of this Ordinance and stopping work being done without, or contrary to, the permits reported by this Ordinance.

Section 2-34. Provisions of Ordinance Prevail in Case of Conflict.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall govern and take precedence over any other provisions of any ordinance or codes of the City of Crowley.

Section 2-35. New Construction (HC).

Proposals for new construction in the Historic District shall seek compatibility with existing structures through the appropriate use of site planning, materials, decorative details, architectural elements and scale. A proposal shall not draw unnecessary attention to itself in any one of these characteristics. However, a proposal should not duplicate or copy historic styles and periods. The architectural context is of primary concern.

A. Scale: The relationship of the building and its elements (including doors and windows) to other structures in the district.

It is important in considering scale that a careful study is made of the height, width and mass of buildings in the immediate neighborhood and district as a whole. This study should serve to confirm or deny the appropriateness of the height, width and mass of the proposed building.

B. Siting: The positioning of a building on a lot.

This process includes determining the setback of a building, the spacing of this building from adjacent buildings and the location of the walls, fences, walks, drives and landscaping if any of these are used in the overall design.

C. Materials: The surface building fabric which contributes to the exterior character and appearance of a building.

D. Decorative Details: Ornamentation or embellishment.

These include cornices, lintels, arches, balustrades, chimneys, shutters, columns and other common details. When used, details should create a unifying effect on a building and should be compatible with the context of the neighborhood.

E. Architectural Elements. Parts of a building that are integral to its composition.

These include balconies, roofs, porches, chimneys, dormers, parapets and other parts of a building that contribute to its overall shape and silhouette. The choice and arrangement of elements of a proposed building should reflect those of other buildings in the neighborhood. The building should not draw unnecessary attention to itself by failing to relate to neighboring styles. But neither should it copy these styles. The object is to compliment the context of the Crowley Historic District (HC).

The Historic District Commission shall follow The Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring & Reconstructing Historic Buildings in considering all proposals for new construction and/or rehabilitation.

Section 2-36. Fences.

Fence design must be in harmony with the nature of the district.

Section 2-37. Floodlights (HC)

The Crowley Historic District (HC) shall not be illuminated by privately controlled floodlights or other illumination except as approved by the Historic District Commission or as permitted specifically by this Ordinance.

Section 2-38. Overhanging Balconies (HC)

No overhanging balconies or galleries may be removed, but new or additional balconies may be entered if they conform to the distinctive architecture of the Crowley Historic District (HC). The permit for all such new construction or any renovation shall be subject to the requirements of this Ordinance.

Section 2-39. Signs (HC)

A. Definitions.

1. SIGN shall include any symbol, device, image, poster, flag, banner, billboards, design or directional sign used for advertising purposes, whether painted upon, attached to, erected on, or otherwise maintained on any premises containing any words, letters or parts of letters, figures, numerals, phrases, sentences, emblems, devices, trade names or trademarks by which anything is made known, such as are used to designate an individual, a firm, an association, a corporation, a profession, or a business or commodity or product, which is visible from any public street and is used to attract attention.
 2. DISPLAY includes erect, paint, repaint, place, replace, hang, rehang, repair, maintain paint directly upon a building or other structure, inlay, embed in or otherwise exhibit in public view.
- B. Signs must confirm to the character of the District.
- In addition to the prohibitions contained in this section, approval of the display of a sign in the Historic District (HC) of the City of Crowley shall be granted by the Commission only when such signs and the plans therefor, so far as they relate to the appearance, color, size, position, method of attachment, texture of materials and design, conform to the quaint and distinctive character of the Historic District or do not injuriously affect it or impair the value to the community of those buildings having architectural or historical worth.

C. No signs to be Displayed in Certain Places.

No sign shall be displayed from the parapet or roofs of any buildings in the Historic District (HC). No sign shall be displayed or placed in any manner whatsoever so as to disfigure or conceal any significant architectural feature or detail of any building.

D. What Signs May Advertise.

No sign shall be displayed in the Historic District unless such sign advertises a bona fide business conducted in or on the premises and, if it does do so, no more than fifty (50%) percent of the area of such sign may be used to advertise products or commodities actually sold on the premises. This is exclusive of any pre-existing, historic "ghost" signs.

E. Number of Primary Signs.

In general, one primary sign is allowed to each store, shop or bona fide place of business and this sign shall be no larger than the maximum stipulated in this Ordinance.

1. In the case of a business operated on a corner lot that faces two streets, one primary sign on each street facing is allowed and shall be regulated as if each side were a separate storefront.
2. In the case of a single sign being inappropriate, multiple primary signs may be used, the total face area of which may not exceed the maximum size stipulated in this article.

F. Surface Area of Signs.

The surface area of any sign shall be in direct proportion to the amount of front footage of each ownership and shall be as follows:

1. For single-faced signs, attached flat against the wall and including painted wall signs, there shall be allowed thirty (30) square inches of sign surface area to each foot of lot frontage.
2. For double-faced signs, suspended by brackets or arms perpendicularly from the wall of a building, the surface area shall be the sum of the area of each face, not to exceed thirty (30) square inches of sign surface area to each foot of lot frontage.
3. In the case of multiple businesses operating at a single location, the total face area of signage may be increased to 1½ times the maximum stipulated in this Ordinance.

G. Secondary Signs.

In addition to primary sign(s) referred to in (Section 2-39, E) small secondary

signs may be used to identify the following:

1. Entrance doors.
2. Operating hours.
3. Temporary signs.

H. Temporary Signs.

Temporary signs of a promotional nature may be placed on the interior of store windows. In no case may they remain longer than sixty days. A permit is not required for the placement of a temporary sign. Temporary signs may be placed on the exterior of a building for the following special situations:

1. For the identify of real estate for sale.
2. For political advertisement. Except for signs larger than 2' x 2' yard sign, no application is required.
3. For promotion by non-profit organizations. In no case may these signs exceed the size limitations of this Ordinance.

I. Portable and Changeable Letter Signs.

No portable or changeable letter signs may be erected or allowed to remain within the Downtown Commercial Historic District.

J. Illuminated Signs.

No illuminated signs may be constructed or erected within the (HC) Historic District without the express approval of the Crowley Historic District Commission.

1. Concealed lighting is recommended. Bulbs may not be exposed. The light should enhance the sign as well as the building on which it is mounted.
2. Internally illuminated signs are not permitted.
3. Flashing or intermittent signs (exclusive of historic signs) are not permitted.

K. Signs No Longer Serving as Advertisement to be Taken Down.

Any sign displayed which no longer advertises a bona fide business (exclusive of historic or "ghost" signs) conducted upon the premises shall, upon notification by the Crowley Historic District Commission or its agent (who is hereby specifically authorized

to so proceed), be taken down, removed or obliterated within five (5) days after such notification and failure to so comply on the part of the owner, occupant, agent or person having the beneficial use of any building or premises upon which such sign may be found shall subject such person to be the penalty provided in Section 2-32.

L. Zoning Ordinance Applicable to Signs.

All signs under this section shall be further governed by existing regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of the City, which are not in conflict with this section.

M. Application for Signs to be Submitted to Commission.

All applications for permits to display signs within the Historic District of the City shall be permitted to the Historic District Commission for approval before a permit therefor may be issued in conformity with SECTION 2-29.

N. Application to Display Signs & Accompanying Drawings.

Application for permit to display signs in the Historic District of the City of City shall be made to the Commission upon forms furnished by the Commission. Such an application shall also be accompanied by sketches and drawings in triplicate, showing details of construction and foundation when required by the Building Code adopted by the City and shall delineate the size, shape, design, coloring, lighting and position in relation to the building from or upon which it shall be displayed.

SECTION 2-40. Aerials, Antennas etc., Prohibited.

The construction of aerials, antennas or satellite dishes of any type within the Crowley (HC) Historic District is prohibited without the express approval of the Historic District Commission.

SECTION 2-41. Minimum Maintenance Requirements.

In order to insure the protective maintenance of resources, the exterior features of such properties shall be maintained to meet the requirements of the City's Minimum Housing Code and the City's adopted Building Code.

Section 2-42. Demolition by Neglect.

A. Any resource which is within a preservation district shall be preserved by the owner or such other person or persons as may have the legal custody or control thereof against decay and deterioration and free from unreasonable structural defects. The owner or other person having legal custody and control thereof shall repair such resource if it is found to have one or more of the following defects:

1. Deterioration to the extent that it creates or permits a hazardous or unsafe condition as determined by the City Building Inspector.
2. Deterioration, as determined by the City Building Inspector, of a building characterized by one or more of the following:
 - a. Those buildings that have parts thereof which are so attached that they may fall and injure persons or property.
 - b. Deteriorated or inadequate foundations.
 - c. Defective or deteriorated floor supports or floor supports insufficient to carry imposed loads with safety.
 - d. Members of the walls or other vertical supports that split, lean, list or buckle due to defective material, workmanship or deterioration.
 - e. Members of walls or other vertical supports that are insufficient to carry imposed loads safely.
 - f. Members of ceilings, roofs, ceiling and roof supports or other horizontal members that are insufficient to carry imposed loads safely.
 - g. Fireplaces or chimneys which list, bulge or settle due to defective material, workmanship or deterioration.
 - h. Any faults, defect or condition in the building which render the same structurally unsafe or not properly watertight.

B. If the Commission makes a preliminary determination that a resource is being demolished by neglect, it shall direct the City Building Inspector to notify the owner(s) of the source of this preliminary determination, stated the reasons therefor and shall give the owner of record thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of such notice or the posting thereof on the property, whichever comes later, to commence work to correct the specific defects as determined by the commission.

Said notice shall be given as follows:

1. By certified mail, restricted delivery or mailed to the last known address of the record owner(s) as listed on the City and/or Parish tax rolls.
2. If the above mailing procedure is not successful, notice shall be posted in a conspicuous, protected place on the resource.
- C. If the owner(s) fail(s) to commence work with the time allotted as evidenced by the building permit, the Commission shall notify the owner(s) in the manner provided above to appear at a public hearing before the Commission at a date, time and place to be specified in said notice, which shall be mailed or posted at least thirty (30) days before said hearing. For the purpose of insuring lawful notice, a hearing may be continued to a new date and time. The Commission shall receive evidence on the issue of whether the subject resource should be repaired and the owner(s) may present evidence in rebuttal thereto. If, after such hearing, the Commission shall determine that the resource is being demolished by neglect, it may direct the City Building Inspector to take appropriate action against the owner(s). If the necessary repairs are not begun within ninety (90) days of the determination by the Commission that the subject building or structure is being demolished by neglect, the owner(s) may be fined as specified in Section 2-32.

SECTION 2: It is the intention of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Crowley and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Crowley, Louisiana, and the sections of this Ordinance shall be numbered as stated herein.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall replace, in its entirety, Ordinance No. 1190 of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, originally adopted on the 12th day of November, 1996 and said Ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: In the event that any provision, part, word, section or article of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is declared to be unconstitutional, invalidated by court of competent jurisdiction then, in that event, only that particular provision shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid and the remaining provisions, words or sections of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be binding and become effective immediately after publication in accordance with law.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED on this the 11th day of April, 2000 at Crowley, Acadia Parish, LA, after a roll call vote as follows:

YEAS: James Buatt, Greg Jones, Ira Thomas, Vernon Martin, Mary Melancon, Laurita Pete, Steven Premeaux
NAYS: Bill Williams

none

ABSENT: J. Elliot Dore

ATTEST

JUDY L. STRE, CLERK
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ISABELLA L. de laHOUSSAYE, MAYOR