

KENDALL COUNTY    )  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2006-67**

**KENDALL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the County of Kendall is empowered pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 55, Division 5-30, to establish and appoint a preservation study committee to evaluate resources and recommend courses of action to protect them, and said committee was duly appointed by the Kendall County Board on September 20, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Historic Preservation Study Committee has reviewed and evaluated existing State, county or local surveys of incorporated and unincorporated portions of Kendall County and determined that a number of buildings, structures, areas, sites and landscapes identified in said surveys which were of historic, architectural, cultural, archaeological, educational and/or scenic significance, have since been destroyed; and

WHEREAS, movement and shifts of population and changes in residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial use and customs can and will adversely affect and threaten the survival of potential landmarks and historic districts without a coordinated effort and exercise of police power; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Study Committee has determined the need to conduct an ongoing survey of the county to identify buildings, structures, areas, sites and landscapes that are of historic, archaeological, architectural, or scenic significance, and therefore potential landmarks or preservation districts and to recommend a preservation plan to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and continued utilization of potential landmarks and historic districts is necessary and desirable for the enjoyment and beauty of the County of Kendall and for the health, safety, prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Land Resources Management Plan states, "The County will establish and maintain an historic preservation program, working with state and municipal agencies to identify, protect and enhance historic buildings and sites within incorporated and unincorporated sections of the County"; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Historic Preservation Study Committee has conducted the required public hearings, presented its final report to the Kendall County Board and submitted a Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance, hereto attached, to the County Board for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance provides for the creation of the Kendall County Preservation Commission, an agency of the Kendall County Board invested with certain powers and duties pursuant to this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance hereto attached includes all revisions requested by members of the Kendall County Board;

WHEREAS, the Kendall County Board recommended adoption of the Ordinance on August 15, 2006 as ordinance 06-67;

WHEREAS, a search of the Clerk's file revealed the necessary ordinance cover sheet was not included;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Kendall County Board that the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ad Hoc Study Committee was terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Kendall County Board that the Kendall County Historic Preservation Ordinance, which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted;

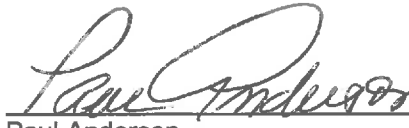
EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication, as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD THIS 15th DAY OF August, 2006.



John Church  
Kendall County Board Chairman



Paul Anderson  
Kendall County Clerk

## ARTICLE I

### PURPOSES, DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 1. PURPOSES & INTENT

The purposes and intent of this Ordinance are as follows:

- A) To identify, designate, protect, preserve, and encourage the restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptation for continued use of those properties and structures which represent or reflect the historic, cultural, artistic, social, economic, ethnic or political heritage of the United States of America, State of Illinois, or Kendall County or which may be representative of an architectural or engineering type inherently valuable for the study of style, period, craftsmanship, method of construction or use of indigenous materials;
- B) To safeguard the County's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage as embodied and reflected in such structures and landscape features;
- C) To stabilize and improve the economic vitality and value of designated landmarks and historic districts in particular and of the County in general;
- D) To foster civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of the past in order that both the pride and the accomplishments themselves may be passed on to future generations;
- E) To protect and enhance the County's attractions for tourists and visitors as well as to support and provide stimulus to business and industry;
- F) To strengthen the economy of the County;
- G) To promote the use of historic districts and landmarks for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the citizens of Kendall County and;
- H) To educate the general public, government officials and real estate interests about the value of historic preservation to the economy, and long-term quality of life for those who live and work in the County.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Ordinance, certain words, phrases, and terms shall have the following meanings:

- A) *Alteration*: Any act or process that changes one or more historic, architectural, or physical features of an area, site, landscape, place, and/or structure, including, but not limited to, the erection, construction, reconstruction, or removal of any structure; the expansion or significant modification of agricultural activities;

Kendall County Department of Health.

L) *Design Criteria*: Standards of appropriate activity that will preserve the historic, architectural, scenic or aesthetic character of a landmark or historic district.

M) *Development Rights*: The development rights of a landmark or of a property within a historic district as defined in Section 11-48.2-1A of the Illinois Municipal Code.

N) *Development Rights Bank*: A reserve for the deposit of development rights as defined in Section 11-48.2-1A of the Illinois Municipal Code.

O) *Exterior Architectural Appearance*: The architectural character and general composition of the exterior of a building or structure, including but not limited to the kind, color and texture of the building material and the type, design and character of all windows, doors, light fixtures, signs and appurtenant elements.

P) *Historic Significance*: Character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage, or culture of the community, County, State or Nation; or as the location of an important local, County, State or national event; or through identification with a person or persons who made important contributions to the development of the community, County, State or Nation.

Q) *Landmark*: A property or structure designated as a "Landmark" by ordinance of the County Board, pursuant to procedures prescribed herein, which is worthy of rehabilitation, restoration, or preservation because of its historic, scenic, or architectural significance.

R) *Landscape*: A natural feature or group of natural features such as, but not limited to: valleys, rivers, lakes, marshes, swamps, forests, woods, or hills; or a combination of natural features and buildings, structures, objects, cultivated, fields, or orchards in a predominantly rural setting.

S) *Object*: Any tangible items, including any items of personal property, including, but not limited to: wagons, boats, and farm machinery that may be easily moved or removed from real estate property.

T) *Owner*: The person or corporation or other legal entity in whose name or names the property appears on the records of the County Recorder of Deeds.

U) *Historic district*: An area designated as a "historic district" by ordinance of the County Board and which may contain within definable geographic boundaries one or more landmarks and which may have within its boundaries other properties, areas, sites, landscapes or structures, while not of such historic, architectural or scenic significance to be designated as landmarks, nevertheless contribute to the overall visual characteristics of the district.

Commission as herein provided.

B) The use of property and improvements which have been designated under this Ordinance shall be governed by the Kendall County Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

G) If any particular section of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or void, only the particular section is affected, and all other sections of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

H) For purposes of remedying emergency conditions determined to be dangerous to life, health or property, the Commission may waive the procedures set forth herein and grant immediate approval for a Certificate of Appropriateness. The Commission shall state its reasons in writing for such approval.

I) No member of the Preservation Commission shall vote on any matter that may materially or apparently affect the property, income, or business interest of that member.

## ARTICLE II

### THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

A) *Appointment.* The Kendall County Board shall by ordinance appoint members to the Kendall County Preservation Commission from names submitted by the County Board Chair.

B) *Composition.* The Preservation Commission shall consist of nine (9) members. All members shall be residents of Kendall County. The County Board Chair shall nominate to the Preservation Commission at least one (1) attorney, one (1) historian or architectural historian, one (1) architect/engineer, and one (1) real estate professional knowledgeable in historic preservation; the other members shall be persons with a demonstrated interest in archaeology, Kendall County history, architecture, engineering, preservation and/or the preservation of community character. Commission vacancies shall be posted in a newspaper of general circulation within the county and on the county internet website. No more than three (3) members shall be from the same township. In addition to the nine (9) voting members, the County Board may appoint one of their members or staff to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Commission and liaison to the County Board.

C) *Terms.* Terms of the initial members shall be staggered so that three serve for one year; three for two years; and three for three years. Successors to initial members shall serve for three year terms. All ex officio members shall serve the

H) *Compensation.* The members shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for their expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties as such and approved by the Director of the Planning, Building & Zoning Department, and if funds are available in the Historic Preservation Commission's reserves.

I) *Annual Report.* The Commission shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Kendall County Board.

## **2. POWERS & AUTHORITIES**

The Preservation Commission shall have the following powers and authority.

- A) To conduct an ongoing survey of the County to identify buildings, structures, areas, sites and landscapes that are of historic, archaeological, architectural, or scenic significance, and, therefore, potential landmarks or historic districts;
- B) To hold public hearings and recommend to the County Board the designation of landmarks or historic districts;
- C) To compile information concerning and prepare descriptions of the landmarks and historic districts identified and recommended for designation and the characteristics that meet the standards for designation;
- D) To prepare, keep current, and publish a map or maps showing the locations and exact boundaries of proposed and designated landmarks and historic districts and, if the Commission so chooses, the locations and boundaries of designated state or federal landmarks or districts;
- E) To keep a register of all designated landmarks and historic districts;
- F) To establish an appropriate system of markers or plaques for all designated landmarks, historic districts, and for streets, roads, trails, and highways leading from one landmark or historic district to another and to confer recognition upon the owners of landmarks or property within historic districts by means of certificates, plaques, or markers;
- G) To nominate, with owners' consent, landmarks and historic districts to any state or federal registers of historic places;
- H) To advise and assist owners of landmarks and property within historic districts on physical and financial aspects of preservation, renovation, rehabilitation, and reuse, and on procedures for inclusion on any state or federal register of historic places;
- I) To inform and educate the citizens of the County concerning the historic, archaeological, architectural, or scenic heritage of the County by publishing

- any matter affecting potential or designated landmarks or historic districts;
- T) To periodically review any County Land resource management plan and to develop a preservation component in any comprehensive plan of the County and to recommend it to the Regional Plan Commission, the Planning, Building & Zoning Committee and the County Board;
- U) To periodically consult the County zoning administrator, review any County zoning ordinance and building code, and to recommend to the County Board any amendments appropriate for the protection and continued use of landmarks or property within historic districts;
- V) To undertake any other action or activity necessary or appropriate to the implementation of its powers and duties or the implementation of the purposes of this Ordinance.
- W) To recommend to the County Board the adoption of intergovernmental agreements between the County Board and Kendall County municipalities that allow for the nomination and designation by the County Board of individual landmarks and historic districts within incorporated areas and that afford the protection of landmarks and historic districts through the provisions of this Article, and
- X) To periodically monitor designated landmarks and preservation districts for demolition by neglect and to refer negligent cases to the appropriate county agency for enforcement.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **DESIGNATION OF LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC DISTRICTS**

##### **1. INVESTIGATION & RESEARCH**

The Preservation Commission shall undertake an ongoing investigation and research effort in the County to identify areas, sites, structures, and objects that have historic, cultural, community, architectural or aesthetic importance, interest, or value. As part of the investigation, the Commission shall review and evaluate any prior surveys and studies by any unit of government, private organization or individual and compile appropriate descriptions, facts, and photographs.

The Commission shall make an effort to systematically identify potential landmarks and districts and adopt procedures to nominate them individually or in groups based upon the following criteria:

- a) The potential landmarks or districts in one township or distinct geographical area of the County;

street address of the property proposed for designation.

c) A map delineating the boundaries and location of the property proposed for designation.

d) A written statement describing the property and setting forth reasons in support of the proposed designation.

e) If nominating an area for designation as a historic district, a list enumerating all properties and improvements previously designated, or currently pending designation, as a landmark by this Commission or listed on any state or federal registers of historic places.

f) The County Board reserves the right to set appropriate fees for administering this ordinance.

### **B.) Historic Districts**

The Preservation Commission or any person may propose historic districts for designation by the County Board by filing a nomination including written proof of owners' consent, for any property or properties and structures located in an unincorporated area or in an incorporated area by intergovernmental agreement with the appropriate municipality within the geographical boundaries of Kendall County. Nomination forms shall be filed with the Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning Department.

Such forms shall be provided by the Commission. Nomination forms submitted for historic districts shall include or be accompanied by the following information:

a) The names and addresses, as shown on the tax assessor's rolls, of the owner of record of the property proposed for designation and a notarized signed statement of consent of 100% of the owners

b) The Permanent Index Numbers (PIN), legal descriptions, and common street addresses of the properties proposed for designation.

c) A map delineating the boundaries and location of the properties proposed for designation.

d) A written statement describing the properties and setting forth reasons in support of the proposed designation.

e) If nominating an area for designation as a historic district, a list enumerating all properties and improvements previously designated, or currently pending designation, as a landmark by this Commission or listed on any state or federal registers of historic places.



**Register of Historic Places.**

L) It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important to pre-history, history or other areas of archaeological significance.

M) It is an exceptional example of an historic or vernacular style or type or one of few remaining in the County.

**B.) Historic Districts**

The Commission may recommend to the County Board the designation of Historic Districts upon written proof of 100% of property owners' consent whose property is located within the boundaries of the proposed district. In addition to owners' consent, Historic Districts shall only be recommended for designation when a thorough investigation results in a determination that the properties, structure, improvement or area so recommended meets one (1) or more of the following criteria:

A) It has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of a local community, the County, the State of Illinois or the Nation;

B) Its location is a site of a significant local, County, State, or National event;

C) It is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the local community, the County, the State of Illinois, or the Nation;

D) It embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;

E) It is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, engineer, or landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the local area, Kendall County, the State of Illinois, or the Nation;

F) It embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant;

G) It embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative;

H) It has a unique location or singular physical characteristics that make it an established or familiar visual feature;

I) It is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure with a high level of integrity or architectural significance;

## **6. NOTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

The Preservation Commission shall, within thirty (30) days from completion of the initial report and recommendation as described above in Article III, Section 5, cause to be scheduled a public hearing on the nomination. Notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the public hearing shall be sent by certified mail to the owner(s) of record and to the nominators at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing. Such notice shall also be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the area surrounding the nominated property or district at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the hearing. All notices shall state the street, address and Permanent Index Number or legal description of a nominated landmark or the boundaries of a nominated historic district.

## **7. HEARING**

A public hearing shall be scheduled, and notification made thereof, pursuant to Article III, Section 6, above. Oral or written testimony shall be taken at the public hearing concerning the nomination. The Preservation Commission may solicit expert testimony or present its own evidence regarding the historic, archaeological, or scenic significance of a proposed landmark or of any property within a proposed historic district relative to compliance with criteria for consideration set forth above in Section 4 of this Article. The hearing shall be closed upon completion of testimony.

## **8. RECOMMENDATION OF PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Within thirty (30) days following the close of the public hearing, the Commission shall make its determination upon the evidence whether the proposed landmark or historic district does or does not meet the criteria for designation. A recommendation to the County Board regarding the proposed landmark or historic district shall be passed by resolution of the Preservation Commission. This recommendation shall be accompanied by a report stating the findings of the Preservation Commission concerning the historic, archaeological, architectural or scenic significance of the proposed landmark or historic district. The Preservation Commission shall forward copies of the resolution and report to the applicant and the owner of the subject property or representative for petitioners of the subject area.

## **9. DESIGNATION**

The County Board, upon a recommendation from the Preservation Commission that the proposed landmark or historic district should be designated, shall review the report and recommendations of the Preservation Commission.

For individual landmarks applications, the County Board, after reviewing the report and recommendation, shall, within sixty (60) days from receipt of the recommendation of the Preservation Commission, take one of the following steps:

- A) Designate the landmark by ordinance; or
- B) Refer the report and recommendation back to the Preservation Commission with suggestions for revisions, stating its reason for such action.

carrying a brief description and account of the historic significance of the property. The plaque shall be provided by the County at the expense of the property owner.

#### **16. AMENDMENT & RESCISSION OF DESIGNATION**

The County Board, upon recommendation of the Preservation Commission, may amend or rescind designation by the same procedure and according to the same standards and considerations set forth for designation. No amendment or rescission shall be made to a designation of a landmark or historic district based solely on a change in owner's consent.

#### **17. TRANSFER OF JURISDICTIONAL CONTROL**

Should a designated landmark or historic district be incorporated into a municipality with a preservation ordinance, that municipality's preservation ordinance shall govern. If a municipality annexes a designated landmark or historic district and does not have a preservation ordinance, the County's preservation ordinance will continue to govern.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **ALTERATION, CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION, AND MAINTENANCE**

##### **1. SCOPE**

Work on property and improvements so designated pursuant to this ordinance shall be regulated as follows:

A) *Landmarks*: No significant alterations, exterior construction or exterior demolition or interior alteration which may affect the exterior appearance may be performed on property and structures which have been designated under this ordinance as landmarks, except as shall be approved by a Certificate of Appropriateness.

B) *Historic districts*: No significant alterations, exterior construction or exterior demolition or interior alteration which may affect the exterior appearance may be performed on property and structures located within an area which is designated under this ordinance as a historic district, except as shall be approved by a Certificate of Appropriateness.

##### **2. CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

A) A Certificate of Appropriateness from the Preservation Commission established pursuant to this Ordinance shall be required before any significant alteration, construction, demolition or removal that affects pending or designated landmarks or historic districts is undertaken. Such a certificate is required for all such actions from the date a nomination form is submitted to the Preservation Commission.

seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding structures or the surrounding area.

C) Design Guidelines. The Commission shall consider the following factors in reviewing applications for Certificates of Appropriateness:

i) *Height*: The height of any proposed alteration or construction should be compatible with the style and character of the landmark and with surrounding structures in a historic district.

ii) *Proportions of Windows and Doors*: The proportions and relationships between doors and windows should be compatible with the architectural style and character of the landmark and with surrounding structures within a historic district.

iii) *Relationship of Building Masses and Spaces*: The relationship of a structure within a historic district to open space between it and adjoining structures should be compatible or similar to relationships commonly found between similar structures in the district.

iv) *Roof Shape*: The design of the roof should be compatible with the architectural style and character of the landmark and surrounding structures which are similar in design in a historic district.

v) *Landscaping*: Landscaping should be compatible with the architectural character and appearance of the landmark and of surrounding structures and landscapes in historic districts.

vi) *Scale*: The scale of the structure after alteration, construction, or partial demolition should be compatible with its architectural style and character and with surrounding structures in a historic district.

vii) *Directional Expression*: Facades in historic districts should blend with other structures with regard to directional expression. Structures in a historic district should be compatible with the dominant horizontal or vertical expression of surrounding structures or of its stylistic design. The directional expression of a landmark after any alteration, construction, or partial demolition should be compatible with its original architectural style and character.

viii) *Architectural Details*: Architectural details, including materials and textures, should be treated so as to make a landmark compatible with its original architectural style or character.

D) Standards for Review. The Commission, in considering the appropriateness of any alteration, demolition, new construction, or removal to any property or

not destroy significant historical, architectural, or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood, or environment.

x) Wherever possible, new additions or alterations to structures should be done in such a manner that if such additions or alterations were to be removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the structure would not be impaired.

E) Determination by Preservation Commission. Within fifteen (15) business days after support staff review, or from the date of the regular meeting, or from the close of a public hearing concerning an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, or within such further time as the applicant for said certificate (and/or permit) approves in writing, the Commission shall determine whether:

i) The proposed construction, alteration, demolition, removal or other modification will be appropriate to the preservation of the particular landmark or historic district and a Certificate of Appropriateness may be issued; or

ii) Such proposed modification is inappropriate to the preservation of the particular landmark or historic district and a Certificate of Appropriateness may be denied.

Written notice of the approval or denial of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness shall be provided the applicant, sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, and to the Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning Department within seven (7) days (Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded) following the determination and shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Appropriateness in the case of an approval.

F) Denial of Certificate of Appropriateness. A denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness shall be accompanied by a statement of the reasons for the denial. The Preservation Commission shall make recommendations to the applicant concerning changes, if any, in the proposed action that would cause the Preservation Commission to reconsider its denial and shall confer with the applicant and attempt to resolve as quickly as possible the difference(s) between the applicant and the Commission. The applicant may resubmit an amended application or reapply for a building or demolition permit that takes into consideration the recommendations of the Preservation Commission.

G) Decision Binding on Planning, Building & Zoning Department. The Director of the Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning Department shall be bound by the determination of the Commission and approve, if in conformance with other provisions of the Building Code, or disapprove any application for the proposed construction, alteration, removal of an exterior architectural feature, or

ii) If twelve (12) months have elapsed after issuance of the Certificate and no building permit has been issued.

K) Appeals. A denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness is an administrative decision as defined in Section 3-101 of the Illinois Administrative Review Law, and it shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to provisions of said Administrative Review Law and all amendments and modifications thereof, and the rules adopted thereto.

### **3. ECONOMIC HARDSHIP**

A) The Preservation Commission may issue a Certificate of Economic Hardship upon determination that the failure to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness has denied, or will deny the owner of a landmark or of a property within a historic district all reasonable use of, or return on, the property. Application for a Certificate of Economic Hardship shall be made on a form and in the manner as prescribed by the Preservation Commission. The Preservation Commission may schedule a public hearing concerning the application and provide notice in the same manner as prescribed in Article III, Section 6, of this Ordinance and conduct the hearing in the same manner as prescribed in Article III, Section 7, of this Ordinance.

B) The Preservation Commission may solicit expert testimony and the applicant for a Certificate of Economic Hardship shall submit all of the following information in order to assist the Preservation Commission in its determination on the application:

i) An estimate of the cost of the proposed construction, alteration, demolition, or removal, and an estimate of any additional cost that would be incurred to comply with the recommendations of the Preservation Commission for changes necessary for the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness;

ii) A report from a licensed engineer or architect with experience in rehabilitation as to the structural soundness of any structures on the property and their suitability for rehabilitation;

iii) Estimated market value of the property in its current condition; after completion of the proposed construction, alteration, demolition, or removal; after any changes recommended by the Preservation Commission; and, in the case of a proposed demolition, after renovation of the existing property for continued use;

iv) In the case of a proposed demolition, an estimate from a person or entity experienced in rehabilitation as to the economic feasibility of rehabilitation or reuse of the existing structure on the property;

iii) Issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed construction, alteration, demolition or removal.

Written notice of the determination shall be provided in the same manner as required by Article IV, Section 2(e) of this Ordinance. This time limit may be waived only by mutual consent of the applicant and the Commission.

D) Appeals. A denial of a Certificate of Economic Hardship is an administrative decision as defined in Section 3-101 of the Illinois Administrative Review Law, and it shall be subject to judicial review pursuant to provisions of said law and all amendments and modifications thereof, and the rules adopted thereto.

#### **4. MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance of any exterior elements of a property or structures designated or nominated as a landmark or located within a designated or nominated historic district.

#### **5. PUBLIC SAFETY EXCLUSION**

None of the provisions of this ordinance shall be construed to prevent any measures of construction, alteration, or demolition necessary to correct or abate the unsafe or dangerous condition of any structure, other feature or part thereof, where such condition has been declared unsafe or dangerous by the Director, Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning Department, the Kendall County Health Department or any Fire Protection District and where the proposed measures have been declared necessary, by such department or departments to correct the said condition; provided, however, that only such work as is reasonably necessary to correct the unsafe or dangerous condition may be performed pursuant to this Section.

In the event any structure or other feature shall be damaged by fire or other calamity, or by Act of Nature or by the public enemy, to such an extent that, in the opinion of the aforesaid department or departments, it cannot reasonably be repaired and restored, it may be removed in conformity with normal permit procedures and applicable laws.

#### **6. DEMOLITION BY NEGLIGENCE**

It is the intent of this section to preserve from deliberate or inadvertent neglect the features of landmarks and contributing buildings and structures within designated historic districts.

Periodically, the Commission shall, in conjunction with its ongoing survey operations, survey the exterior of each designated landmark and each property within a historic district to ensure that the property is not suffering from demolition by neglect, as defined in the ordinance. The Commission's Secretary shall document the performance of each annual neglect survey.

Any owner who fails to maintain their building or structure in compliance with this section shall be subject to remedial procedures. Upon a finding by the Commission that a

surveyor, engineer, realtor, attorney, builder, contractor, agent, or other person who commits, participates in, assists in, or maintains such violation may be found guilty of a separate offense and suffer the penalties herein provided.

Nothing herein contained shall prevent the County from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

### **3. EQUITABLE RELIEF**

In addition to other remedies provided by law, Kendall County may institute any appropriate action or proceeding to prevent, restrain, abate or correct a violation of this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, requiring the restoration of property and improvements to its appearance prior to the violation.