

ORDINANCE NO.

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DESIGN REVIEW BOARD  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1:239 (DESIGN REVIEW BOARD) OF  
CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

The City of Ann Arbor ordains:

Section 1. That Section 1:239 of Chapter 8 of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be amended to read as follows:

1:239. - Design Review Board.

(1) *Intent.* The Design Review Board is established to foster excellence in the design of Ann Arbor's built environment. It shall advise petitioners on how a project can meet the spirit and intent of the Downtown Design Guidelines.

(2) *General.*

(a) The Design Review Board shall consist of seven members nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. In making appointments of members of the Design Review Board, the City Council shall appoint persons who, insofar as possible, have an interest in the design of the built environment and its relationship to the downtown and the broader community. To support a comprehensive design review, two members of the Design Review Board shall be landscape architects, two shall be architects, one shall be an urban planner, one shall be a developer, and one shall be a construction contractor.

(b) Members of the Design Review Board shall serve for three-year terms. The terms of office of the first Design Review Board members appointed hereunder shall be fixed by the City Council so that the terms of three members will be for one year, two members will be for two years, and two will be for three years. After the initial board is formed, all members thereafter will be appointed for three years.

(c) The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission may appoint one of its members to serve as a nonvoting liaison to the Design Review Board for the purpose of providing comments to petitioners regarding the potential for incorporating private artwork into projects under review by the Design Review Board. The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission liaison shall continue to serve until they are no longer members of the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission or until the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission appoints a different member.

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(3) *Powers and duties.* The Design Review Board shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To review the design of certain downtown projects, as identified in Chapter 55 (Unified Development Code).

(b) To provide comments to property owners, developers and architects on the proposed project design in relation to the Downtown Design Guidelines.

(c) To report annually to City Council regarding the effectiveness of the design review process and make recommendations for any changes to the Downtown Design Guidelines.

(d) To have all other powers and duties granted by the City Council by resolution.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication.