

MARION COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 77-10

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE §125.01(f); PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND POWERS; PROVIDING FOR PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL MATERIAL AND DATA; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR FEES AND COSTS; PROVIDING FOR GIFTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPOSITORY; PROVIDING FOR A PRIOR HISTORICAL COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Statute §125.01(f) (1972) authorizes County Commissioners to create Historical Commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Ordained by the Board of County Commissioners in and for Marion County, Florida, as follows:

Section 1. CREATION. There is hereby created the Marion County Historical Commission pursuant to authority of State law (Florida Statute 125.01(f)). The Commission shall be the official agency of county government concerned with heritage.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP. The Marion County Historical Commission shall be composed of not fewer than ten (10) members. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County shall be a member of the said Historical Commission and shall serve as the Treasurer of all county-appropriated funds. One or more members of the Board of County Commissioners may also be selected to serve on the Historical Commission. In selecting citizens to serve on the Historical Commission, the Executive Board shall consider the interest of such citizens in the history, cultural lore, development and institutions of Marion County, as well as their interests in actively preserving and commemorating this heritage.

Section 3. EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Executive Board of duly elected officers shall be approved by the Board of County Commissioners in and for Marion County, Florida.

Section 4. MEETINGS. As soon as practicable after the Historical Commission has been created by appropriate action by the Board of County Commissioners in and for Marion County, Florida, it shall meet in an appropriate public place and arrange for the holding of regular scheduled meetings of the Commission not less than four (4) times yearly, and for such other meetings as may be necessary for its business. The Historical Commission may adopt such rules of organization and procedure as it may deem necessary for its business, and it may determine the duties of its members. All meetings of the Commission and its committees shall be public.

Section 5. DUTIES AND POWERS. It shall be the duty of the Commission to collect, arrange, record, and preserve historical material and data, including books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, family histories, U. S. census records, papers and other objects and materials illustrative of and relating to the history of Marion County and of Florida; to procure and preserve narratives of the early pioneers, their exploits, perils, privations and achievements; to collect material of every description relative to the history of its Indian tribes and wars, and relative to its soldiers, its schools and churches and other institutions.

Section 6. MONUMENTS, TABLES AND MARKERS. The Commission may upon its own initiative or on petition of municipalities or historical societies, mark by proper monuments, tablets or markers, the location of forts, Indian mounds or other places in the county where historical events have occurred.

SECTION 7. COMPENSATION. No member of the Historical Commission shall receive compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses as provided by law.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS. The Board of County Commissioners in and for Marion County, Florida, may appropriate moneys to support the Historical Commission and to carry out its lawful programs.

SECTION 9. FEES AND COSTS. All fees and costs to be public generally shall require prior approval by the Board of County Commissioners in and for Marion County, Florida.

SECTION 10. GIFTS. The Historical Commission is authorized to receive on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners gifts of money, property, and other things of value.

SECTION 11. REPOSITORY. The Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to provide suitable and adequate space as a repository for the findings, collections, and other material of said Historical Commission.

SECTION 12. PRIOR HISTORICAL COMMISSION. The Marion County Historical Commission shall be deemed generally a continuation of the Marion County Historical Commission previously appointed pursuant to repealed state law (F.S.A. Sec. 125.47 et. seq.). Where the provisions of this chapter are inconsistent with prior law, this chapter shall prevail.

Section 13. SEVERANCE CLAUSE. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, or if the applicability of this Ordinance or any portions thereof to any personal circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance and the applicability of this Ordinance or of such portion thereof to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. If any word, phrase, clause, section or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or words shall be deemed an independent provision and such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 14. EFFECTIVE DATE. A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State of the State of Florida by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days after the enactment by the Board of County Commissioners and shall take effect upon receipt of official acknowledgment from that office that the same has been filed.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of August, 1977.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Murray E. Fugate
MURRAY E. FUGATE, Chairman

ATTEST:

Frances E. Thigpin
FRANCES E. THIGPIN, Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

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