

**AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE CREATING THE CITY OF SUGAR HILL
HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR
MEMBERSHIP, TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE
FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are dedicated to ensuring Sugar Hill is a livable and vibrant community for its residents, business owners, and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are advocates of preserving City's history in an effort to foster and enrich a sense of community in Sugar Hill; and

WHEREAS, the conclusion of Sugar Hill's 75th anniversary has served as a nostalgic reminder of our rich history. This valuable community asset that should be encouraged and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on January 12, 2015 are to proceed with the creation of a Council-appointed Historic Preservation Society to further conservation of our proud past in Sugar Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Sugar Hill Preservation Society shall encompass the conservation, safe guarding, promotion of, and celebration of Sugar Hill's past;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and resolved and it is hereby ordained and resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sugar Hill this the 12th day of January, 2015, as follows: **Section 1. Creation.** The Sugar Hill Historic Preservation Society, hereinafter known as "the Preservation Society," is hereby created and established.

Section 2. Purpose and Authority. The Preservation Society is charged with the following tasks and responsibilities:

- Expand community awareness and appreciation for Sugar Hill's past;
- Advise the City Council and staff on issues relating to historic preservation in the City;
- Assist the City and other organizations and businesses in the commission and selection of artists for items public art relating to our past;

meetings; the Preservation Society shall determine the time and location of meetings. Special meetings may be held upon call of the Chair, at the request of any four (4) Preservation Society members, or by a vote of the Preservation Society. The Preservation Society shall provide notice of all meetings to the Sugar Hill City Clerk a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

All meetings shall be open to the public and shall be conducted in accordance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act and any amendments thereto. Meetings shall be held at a location within the corporate limits of Sugar Hill that is open to the public and accessible to persons with disabilities. All minutes and records of the Preservation Society shall be public records and kept in the custody of the City Clerk.

Preservation Society members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings and to make an effort to minimize and avoid absences. Any three consecutive absences or any four absences within a span of twelve meetings shall serve as prima facie evidence of abandonment of duties and shall be cause for removal by the City Council, absent a showing of good cause or extenuating circumstances (e.g. illness).

Section 6. Conflicts of Interest. All Preservation Society members shall comply with ethical standards required of a City representative; this includes the need for disclosure and recusal from any votes related to a matter in which a conflict exists.

Section 7. Rules of Procedure. The Preservation Society shall make its own rules of procedure, which shall be submitted to the City Council for formal approval.

Section 8. Legal Counsel. Upon written request by the Chair, and approval by the City, the Preservation Society may seek appropriate legal advice from the City Attorney.

Section 9. City Staff and Resources. The Preservation Society bears no oversight authority

Steve Edwards, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Whittington, City Clerk