

# **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OF PLAINVILLE HISTORIAN**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainville, in meeting duly assembled, the following Ordinance is adopted.

## **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

1.1 Pursuant to Section 7-148 of the General Statutes, State of Connecticut, a Town Historian shall be appointed in the Town of Plainville to promote a knowledge, appreciation and dissemination of Town of Plainville history.

## **SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS.**

2.1 The Town Historian shall be a legal resident and elector of the town of Plainville.

2.2 The Town Historian shall be qualified by a knowledge of Plainville history as well as general State and American history; by a knowledge of historical research; and by good writing, speaking, and computer skills.

## **SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE AND METHOD OF APPOINTMENT.**

3.1 The Town Historian shall be appointed to a term of two (2) years. The Town Historian shall be appointed by the Town Manager and confirmed by the Town Council. The same person may be appointed to additional terms.

3.2 A vacancy in the office of Town Historian shall be filled by appointment by the Town Manager and confirmation by the Town Council for the unexpired portion of the term vacated.

## **SECTION 4. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

4.1 The Town Historian shall:

(a) Promote an awareness of and an appreciation for the Town's history, through research, writing and public speaking; through publications projects, exhibits, displays, electronic media,

celebrations, and commemorations; through the maintenance of plaques, markers and monuments; and through the preparation of classroom aids, guides, workshops and training.

(b) Advise the Town government on historical issues and subjects, including historical objects, historical structures and sites, historic districts, National Register properties and historic preservation.

(c) Serve as a liaison among the Town's museums, libraries and historical associations, and with similar outside groups, to encourage historical coordination, cooperation and resource sharing. Maintain a reference library of historical information. Serve as a central referral point for inquiries for information.

(d) As appropriate, and pursuant to directions of the Town Council and Town Manager, supervise staff and programs of the municipality, maintain an office, expend funds, and obtain contributions and grants to carry out these duties.

#### **SECTION 5. EXPENSES OF TOWN HISTORIAN.**

5.1 No person shall have the right to expend any public funds of the Town in carrying out any activity authorized by this ordinance without prior approval by the Town Council, nor shall any person have the right to bind the Town by contract, agreement or otherwise without prior approval of the Town Council.

#### **SECTION 6. NO CONFLICT WITH OTHER LEGISLATION.**

6.1 This ordinance shall not be construed to conflict with any Federal or State statutes, the Charter, Rules, Regulations or Town Ordinances.

#### **SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.**

7.1 The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and the invalidity of any portion shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

#### **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8.1 This ordinance shall take effect after passage and thirty (30) days after publication.

Adopted by Town Council Dec. 7, 1992

Amended December 17, 2012