

Torrey Historic Preservation Ordinance

(Updated 03/2026)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-5-15

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO SURVEY AND INVENTORY COMMUNITY HISTORIC RESOURCES, TO REVIEW PROPOSED NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND INFORMATION TO TOWN OFFICIALS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS, TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION LAWS, AND DESIGNATE LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND DISTRICTS TO THE LOCAL REGISTER.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TORREY, WAYNE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Purpose. Torrey recognizes that the historical heritage of the community is among its most valued and important assets. It is therefore the intent of Torrey to identify, preserve, protect and enhance historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts lying within the town limits of Torrey, Utah.

SECTION 2: Definitions. The following words and phrases below shall be the controlling definitions:

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. The nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Properties so designated have local, state, or national significance. The National Register is maintained by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

LOCAL REGISTER. The Torrey official list of properties worthy of preservation. Properties so designated have local significance. The Local Register is maintained by Torrey, Utah.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. The Torrey Historic Preservation Commission, as established by this chapter.

HISTORIC PROPERTY. Any building, structure, site, area or object which has been identified and evaluated as significant because of its historical, architectural, archaeological or aesthetic value, including, but not limited to, old houses, commercial buildings, barns, outbuildings, archaeological sites, cemeteries, landscapes and streets.

HISTORIC DISTRICT. A geographically defined area containing buildings, structures, sites, lands and areas linked historically through their location, design, workmanship, setting or association with people or events which have made an important contribution to the heritage of Torrey.

SECTION 3: Historic Preservation Commission. A Historic Preservation Commission is hereby established by Torrey with the following provisions:

- a. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Town Council. The Historic Preservation Commission may recommend to the Mayor members to be appointed to the commission.
- b. The commission shall consist of at least five (5) members.
- c. All commission members must have a demonstrated interest, knowledge, or experience in the fields related to historic preservation.
- d. To the extent available in the community, at least two (2) members of the commission shall be professionals in fields related to historic preservation (i.e., history, architectural history, archaeology, historic architecture, or planning).
- e. Commission meetings shall be held at least twice a year and conduct business in accordance with the Open Public Meeting laws of Utah. This includes public notification of meeting place, time and agenda items. Written minutes of each commission meeting shall be prepared and made available for public inspection.
- f. The Town Mayor shall act as the chief elected official (CELO) for the purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and shall appoint the members to the Historic Preservation Commission and sign all relevant documents.

SECTION 4: Commission Duties. The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the following duties.

- a. Advise the Town Council and other interested parties in the community on matters related to historic preservation and history.
- b. Designate local historic properties and local historic districts to the local register following the criteria established in Section 5 & 6.
- c. Conduct surveys of local historic properties in compliance with standards set by the State Historic Preservation Office. Maintain an inventory of surveyed historic properties, including site forms and related support materials, in a publicly accessible location.
- d. Support the enforcement of all state and local legislation relating to historic preservation.
- e. Review and provide comment to the State Historic Preservation Office regarding all proposed National Register nominations of properties in the community. Local

review is allowed a minimum of 60 days. Within 60 days of notice from the state, the chief elected official shall transmit the comments of the commission and their recommendation to the state.

f. Apply for and administer grants and other financial aid for historic preservation and history-related projects in the town.

g. Coordinate with other Town entities and community organizations related to the community's history and cultural affairs.

h. Participate in planning and land-use processes undertaken by the Town that have the potential to affect historic properties.

i. Promote and conduct educational and interpretive programs related to the community's history and historic properties.

j. In order to help protect historic properties, the commission will review and provide advisory comments and recommendations regarding any proposed demolitions, alterations, or other actions that may adversely affect designated historic properties.

k. Comply with all State and Federal professional qualification standards and with all State and Federal preservation standards, including but not limited to preservation planning, identification, evaluation, registration, historical documentation, architectural and engineering documentation, treatment, preservation, rehabilitation, survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties within Torrey.

l. Adhere to all local, State, and Federal conflict-of-interest provisions pertaining to Commission members, employees, agents, partners, associates, and family members of Historic Preservation Commission members.

SECTION 5: Local Register; Requirements. A local historic property or historic district shall be deemed to be significant if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

a. Associated with important events that have contributed to the broad patterns of history or culture, or the site of an historic event, or exemplifies the cultural and historical importance to the community.

b. Associated with the life of a person significant in the past.

c. Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or

represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

d. The site has yielded or is likely to yield important information regarding history or prehistory.

SECTION 6: Local Register. Procedures for designating historic properties and historic districts to the Local Register.

a. Torrey shall maintain a Local Register of individually designated historic properties and multiple property historic districts.

b. Torrey, upon request of the Historic Preservation Commission may, by resolution, designate a historic property or historic district. Prior to such designation, the Historic Preservation Commission shall hold a public hearing, notice of which shall have been published in a newspaper/newsletter of general circulation within the town at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Notice of the hearing shall also be mailed to all owners of the property that is proposed to be designated.

c. A proposed historic property shall not be approved if the property owner[s] explicitly objects to the designation. Proposed historic districts shall not be approved if the property owners of fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the parcels to be included within the proposed district explicitly object to the designation.

d. When the Historic Preservation Commission determines that a property is eligible for listing in the Local Register, it may issue a finding of significance and eligibility, which the commission shall transmit to the Town Council. Designations shall be made by resolution.

e. The Historic Preservation Commission shall keep a record of all properties listed in the Local Register and shall transmit a copy to the Mayor, Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.

SECTION 7: Adoption. This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after its passage as allowed by State law.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Torrey Town Council, Utah, this 15 day of May, 2026.

TOWN OF TORREY, UTAH

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05-15-3

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TORREY CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the preservation of historic, cultural, and architectural resources is essential to the character, identity, and heritage of Torrey Town; and

WHEREAS, participation in the **Utah Certified Local Government (CLG) Program**, authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act and administered by the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), requires the establishment of a local historic preservation commission; and

WHEREAS, the Torrey Town Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and recommended the creation of a Torrey Historic Preservation Commission consistent with CLG program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Torrey Town Council (“Council”) provided notice and held a public hearing at the beginning of its regular meeting on **May 14, 2026**, to receive public comment on the proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that establishing a Historic Preservation Commission will support heritage tourism, strengthen local planning, and make Torrey eligible for federal and state preservation grants; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to **Utah Code § 10-3-704**, the Council may enact ordinances necessary for the governance of the municipality and the protection of its cultural resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the **Torrey Town Council of Torrey, Utah, that:**

Section I. Creation of the Torrey Historic Preservation Commission

There is hereby created the **Torrey Historic Preservation Commission**, which shall serve as the official body responsible for historic preservation activities required for participation in the Utah Certified Local Government Program.

Section II. Commission Duties

The Commission shall perform the duties required under the Utah CLG Program, including but not limited to:

1. Conducting surveys and maintaining an inventory of historic resources;

2. Reviewing nominations to the National Register of Historic Places;
3. Advising the Town Council on preservation policy;
4. Participating in local land-use and planning processes related to historic resources;
5. Providing public education on historic preservation;
6. Complying with all reporting and training requirements established by SHPO.

Section III. Membership and Terms

1. The Commission shall consist of **five (5)** members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Town Council.
2. Members shall have demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge in historic preservation.
3. At least **two (2)** members shall possess professional expertise in history, archaeology, architecture, architectural history, or related fields, as required by CLG standards.
4. Members shall serve staggered **three-year terms**.
5. The Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair annually.

Section IV. Meetings and Procedures

1. The Commission shall meet at least **four (4)** times per year.
2. Meetings shall comply with the **Utah Open and Public Meetings Act**.
3. The Commission shall adopt bylaws consistent with CLG requirements.

Section V. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions

Any prior ordinance, resolution, or policy inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section VI. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Torrey Town Council this 14th day of May, 2026.

Roll Call Vote (Utah Code § 10-3-506)

Council Member Vote (Yea/Nay)

Mayor Mickey Wright Yea

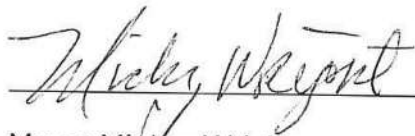
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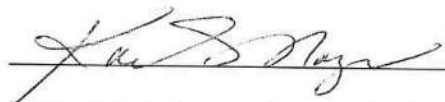
Richard Braatten R.B. Yea

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ATTEST:



Mayor Mickey Wright



Town Clerk, Torrey Town, Utah

Publication Date: May 15, 2026 Effective Date: May 30, 2026