

HOUSING COMMISSION ORDINANCE

Section I. Commission established; purpose

A Housing Commission is hereby established to promote and encourage the development and continued availability of senior housing and/or affordable housing for the people of Sherman by bringing together public and private resources, developing recommendations for comprehensive housing policies and goals, and facilitating the accomplishment of those goals.

Section II. Duties

The duties of the Commission shall be:

- A. To study and analyze the housing needs of the Town with respect to both senior and affordable housing.
- B. To recommend to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commissions housing policies and practices calculated to encourage the development and continued availability of senior housing and/or affordable housing for the people of Sherman.
- C. To establish housing priorities and recommend immediate and long-range housing goals to the Board of Selectmen.
- D. To act as a clearinghouse for information concerning federal, state, municipal and private sources of funding and programs for housing and make such information available to the Board of Selectmen, and to potential developers (profit-making and nonprofit) of new, converted or rehabilitated housing.
- E. To study and recommend to the Board of Selectmen alternative methods of financing senior and/or affordable housing in the Town of Sherman.
- F. To provide a forum for housing issues.

Section III. Membership; terms; vacancies

The Commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be electors of the Town of Sherman and shall serve without pay, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The initial appointees of the Commission shall be one (1) member who shall serve for a term of one (1) year; two (2) members who shall serve for a term of two (2) years; two (2) members who shall serve for a term of three (3) years; all such members to hold office to the first day of January in the year following the expiration of their term and thereafter, all appointments and re-appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years expiring on the 31st day of December.

Any vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired term.

Section IV. Organization

The Commission shall elect a Chairperson from its members and may organize itself in such manner as its members may determine is best suited to carry out the Commission's duties.

Effective: March 1, 2010