Staff Report

Agenda Item: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA, DELETING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 5, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – HERITAGE CONSERVANCY BOARD, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY** – Discussion and consideration of approval of Ordinance #336, an ordinance deleting the Heritage Conservancy Board from the Town Code.

Staff Contact: Kathy Bainbridge, Clerk/Finance Director

Meeting Date: August 9, 2011

Background: The Council has approved an amended Lease Agreement and a Master Museum Loan Agreement with the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum in order to merge the Heritage Conservancy Board with that group. Given the purpose and growing vitality of CHSM, it was apparent that their organization was in the prominent position to take the important, historic interests of Clarkdale forward, and that a dissolution of the HCB would allow the Town to lend valuable support to those endeavors.

There was a general discussion by the Heritage Conservancy Board which led to the conclusion that the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum had developed into an exemplary organization and it would benefit the Town to merge the Town Archives with the Museum's Collection.

Chairperson Meinke stated that a recommendation should be made to the council by the Heritage Conservancy Board regarding the Board's dissolution.

Board Member Kelly moved to recommend to staff to dissolve the Heritage Conservancy Board. Board Member McGuinness seconded. Chairperson Meinke amended the motion to read: move to recommend to the Town Council to dissolve the Heritage Conservancy Board. Board Member Kelly and Board Member McGuinness agreed to the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff is also considering there may be areas where the Town might desire having an Advisory Board that deals with historic preservation issues. If, as this new structure moves forward, it becomes apparent that we could use an Advisory Board with a more defined and narrower scope than the original HCB, we can look at amending the Town Code to create such a structure.

Recommendation: Approval of Ordinance, #336, An Ordinance of the Town Of Clarkdale, Arizona, deleting Chapter 17, Section 5, Boards and Commissions – Heritage Conservancy Board, of the Code of the Town of Clarkdale, Repealing Conflicting Ordinances and Providing for Severability.

ORDINANCE # 336

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA, DELETING CHAPTER 17, SECTION 5, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – HERITAGE CONSERVANCY BOARD, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA THAT:

SECTION 1: Chapter 17, Section 5, Boards and Commissions – Heritage Conservancy Board is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 2: That all Ordinances and part of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance or any part of this document adopted herein by reference are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance or any part of this document adopted herein is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona, this 9th day of August, 2011.

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Doug Von Gausig, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Bainbridge, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Robert S. Pecharich, Town Attorney